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"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

Brother George Weber, for many years a loyal member of Griffith Memorial Church, recently passed to his heavenly home. May the presence of the Spirit comfort his loved ones.

The Convention Board made a most generous gesture in saying "Thank you" to Dr. Lipsey as he left the position of editor of The Baptist Record. In addition Mississippi Baptists, with Southern Baptists, provided a plan from which he will receive generous benefits month by month. He is altogether worthy!

Water Valley: We had a great day on Sunday, November 16. We received six for baptism and baptized 24. Several others await baptism.—W. C. Howard, Pastor.

While we were at West Point we enjoyed the hospitality of the lovely home of Mrs. J. M. White, Mr. and Mrs. Hearn White and little Miss Carolyn. We shall ever be grateful for their fine fellowship. For a little season we lingered most pleasantly in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Van Landingham, D. V. and Mrs. Yarner, D. V. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris and Mr. and Mrs. James White.

We were privileged to speak to a large group of Bible class men at Mendenhall. Of course Pastor C. C. Jones was present and happy. The teacher, Brother W. V. May was also much in evidence.

"I thirst." John 19:28.

The Lafayette County Baptist Association is having monthly meetings on the second Sunday afternoon of each month. All phases of the work will receive emphasis throughout the year.

We were impressed with the dedication of tithes and offerings in First Baptist Church, West Point, service of worship as follows: Dedication of Gifts—Pastor and Congregation. Minister: To the preaching of the good tiding of salvation. People: We consecrate our gifts. Minister: To the teaching of Jesus' way of life as revealed in God's Holy Word. People: We consecrate our gifts. Minister: To the healing of broken bodies and the soothing of fevered brows. People: We consecrate our gifts. Minister: To the leading of every child to the knowledge and love of Christ, to the caring for helpless age and the relief of all who look to us for help. People: We consecrate our gifts. Minister: To the training of Christ's disciples in the service of His Kingdom and the leading of them to a full dedication of their talents to that service. People: We consecrate our gifts. Minister: To the evangelization of the world and the building of the Kingdom of God on earth. People: We consecrate our wealth, our efforts, and our lives.

The Lord has said for us to bring to His house as God has prospered us. The Morrison Chapel Baptist church membership, being a farming membership has brought their part of this year's prosperity to the church and did some repair work. A new coat of paint was added on the outside and inside. Every person who had a part in it was really proud of the way it looked Sunday morning. Every person's heart was really thankful for these improvements.

Rev. P. D. Bragg and wife of Carthage taught courses for adults and juniors, respectively, in a training course at Highland Heights Church in Memphis during Thanksgiving week. Dr. Ira C. Cole is pastor of this fine church.

"Verily, I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43.

You will stand in His very presence as you read the Seven Sayings from the Cross. They lead us into the Holy of Holies to be with Him!

AN APPRECIATION: We count it a joy and a privilege to have known Dr. P. I. Lipsey. We knew him as a pastor and preacher in Mississippi College days. His messages were always forcefully delivered. He loved the Lord and folks. We knew him as editor. Our churches almost without exception had The Record in the budget. Had we not believed in the editor this would not have been true. He gave us a good paper. We knew him as a denominational leader. He was interested in all the work and life of our denomination. Many happy days to him! Many pleasant tasks be his lot during those days. Psal. 121—Mc.

Last night, in closing the service at West Point, we ended the most strenuous period of campaigning for Christ within all our ministry. Starting with September we had the privilege of visiting seventeen district associations, working in two county-wide revivals, one church revival and three state conventions. "Work for the night is coming."

"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46.

Dr. J. A. Stewart, West Point, has accepted the unanimous call of the church at Clarksdale. He has done an exceptional work at West Point and friends there grieve over losing him. He goes to another good church. He is one of our best men. His family members make great helpers in the work.

Pastor R. W. Porter presented to us a congregation that filled the Lambert house of worship at a recent service. He has done a splendid work here and at Sledge.

Friends of Mrs. O. M. Jones, our efficient Book Store manager, sympathize with her in the home-going of her father.

Rev. J. R. Reedy is doing fine work at First Baptist church of Eupora with some afternoon services in rural districts.

THINGS WORTH LIVING FOR ARE WORTH DYING FOR

We declare our abhorrence of war and all its insanity and brutality. We are a peace-loving people and we know of no issues, national or international, which could not be settled in fairness and equity by the orderly processes of civilized society if only the leaders of the nations were willing to practice the principles of justice, truth, and righteousness. But, unfortunately, men of evil mind and ungodly heart sometimes gain control within a nation, or nations, and with cruel and deadly intent thrust war upon the world. Such men at the present time have criminally conspired to impose their anti-social, anti-Christian, and anti-human wills upon much of the world. If these men are allowed to attain their announced world-wide aims and goals, then many of the values which we esteem more precious than life itself will be lost and the world will be immeasurably impoverished socially, politically, culturally, and spiritually. We declare our belief that some things are worth dying for; and if they are worth dying for, they are worth living for; and if they are worth living for, they are worth defending even unto the death. Among these are liberty under the law, that sacred shrine called home, wives and children, the honor of one's country, and, last but not least, freedom of worship.

—Resolutions adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Woman, behold thy son!"

"Behold thy mother!"—John 19:26, 27.

The Revs. J. B., J. S., and L. F. Dorroh, all brothers, living at Eupora, Miss., Zion Association are pastoring 15 churches in Webster, Calhoun, Chickasaw and Choctaw counties.

In Goodman Baptist church on the night of Nov. 23rd, Brethren G. J. Everett, Marion A. Ousley and R. N. Branch were ordained deacons. Assisting in the ordination were Rev. J. B. Flowers, pastor Winona Baptist church and two deacons each from Durant and Pickens. The sermon was preached by the Winona pastor.

Mr. Earl Edwards, Houston, led the singing during the revival at West Point. That means it was well done. His is a fine spirit. The choir, under his leadership, rendered exceptional service.

Speaking four times the last day of the West Point revival we drove sixty miles to an engagement at Midway Church for a Sunday School rally. Brother Roscoe Hicks is pastor. He says "leave the word as it is. Don't do anything to it." He said: "I told the folks you would come," and added, "I am glad you are here." Remarks: A Christian should keep his engagements if possible.

Word comes of the home going of the mother of Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni. We never knew the mother but she must have been a great Christian. Her daughter is a blessing in His Name.

"It is finished." John 19:30.

Dr. S. Y. Pope, Summit, paid the office a visit. He reports his work at Mars Hill and Bude as going along well. He has been somewhat of a hero in our eyes since Mississippi College days.

"The More Wonderful Life" is a book of devotional sermons from the pen of Dr. J. B. Quin. Dr. Quin is pastor at Summit and also teaches Bible in Southwest Junior College. There are twelve sermons on the following subjects: My Peace, My Joy; My Love; My Grace, My Strength, My Glory, Living for Christ's Sake, Unlimited Love, The Joy of Divine Love, The Christ of a Godly Soul, The City Whose Builder and Maker Is God. Rev. W. R. Hunter of McComb wrote the introduction and we quote from it because it expresses the sentiment of the writer. "In this series of deeply devotional messages Dr. Quin deals with the simple verities of the Christian life and experience in such a manner as to give Christians assurance and the power of endurance." The book is on sale by the author and the Baptist Book Store at one dollar per copy.—A. L. G.

The pastors' conference for the counties of Noxubee, Clay, Lowndes, Choctaw, Winston, Oktibeha and Webster had its meeting Monday, December 1, at Starkville instead of its regular time. A good program had been planned by Dr. J. A. Stewart of West Point.—Harold Douglas, Secretary.

Pastor J. Reese Rogers left a can of syrup on our desk in our absence. He breaks forth in poetry as:

"You preach the gospel with delight,
Your worthy life exemplifies truth and right.
But they tell me you do like to dine,
So here's a bucket of 'frozen sunshine.'"

Remarks: Thanks for the remembrance. Most of all for the good wishes.

Pastor C. Z. Holland is happy over the fact that his church is enlarging the cooperative program items in the budget for 1942. They plan a Now Club solicitation campaign soon.

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46.

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Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"KEEP SWEET"

Matthew Arnold said of Jesus, "He was always the incarnation of sweet reasonableness." He also said that "Christians should always be those who are filled with sweetness and light." These are apt characterizations. They tell us exactly what a preacher ought to be. They set a high goal for us. They demand that we despise selfishness, anger, and intemperate speech. Some of the brethren and sisters will make it hard for us to keep sweet. They are unreasonable in their demands, they are foolish in their petulance. They try our souls, by their lack of sympathy. It is easy to answer in kind. We have to be patient when the Adam in us wants to put them in their proper place with a few well chosen razor-edged remarks.

Believe it or not being a pastor is one of the severest tests ever imposed upon a Christian. The men and women who fight the battles of life out in the world apart from the sanctuary have their temptations that a preacher does not have. They, too, have their tests. But when the pastor has uncovered to his understanding the hypocrisy, the fraudulently pretending piety of many of whom better things are expected it is hard for him to keep sweet.

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SPIRIT-SEALED

"... Ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. . ."

Like three stars that shine in the sky are the three truths that glow in symbol in these words. Blessed stars to lighten the believer's way!

A seal was used to denote a finished transaction. For the believer in Christ, this denotes that the Great High Priest has once for all done His work. With the poet the believer may sing, "Tis done, the great transaction's done. I am my Lord's and He is mine."

Ownership was marked by the seal. Those who are sealed by the Spirit are God's. These bear the mark of their Owner. They are His children.

The seal denotes security. Once they are sealed by the Spirit, the believer's heart may rest in Him. The Savior Himself said that "no one can pluck them from My Father's hand." Forever, those who are sealed by the Holy Spirit are secure from the power of evil, and spiritually they are "sealed unto the day of redemption."

Because of His great love for us, Christ Jesus has made this blessing possible for every one who will believe in Him.—M.

—BR—

Brother W. M. Tabb has moved to Wesson with his family. He is pastor of Harmony in Copiah and Bahala in Lincoln county.

MEASURING OUR GIFTS A Conference Message

The institutional obligations and the growing denominational work programs of Southern Baptists in recent years have caused a great deal of research into Baptist resources. The progress of our Mission Boards and Institutions and the definite responsibility resting upon all of them to promote evangelism, Christian education, all missions, benevolence and welfare work, as well as the local church programs, have compelled this research. Much definite fact-finding work has been accomplished within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. The results are now being advertised and what might be termed a Baptist balance sheet is being clarified. Largely debits and credits may be staked. The debts and the goals in a financial way have somewhat "alarmed" our people, but at no time have Southern Baptists launched a fully challenging financial program for themselves.

In the last issue of The Quarterly Review published by the Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Dr. J. E. Dillard gives some definite figures that should help Southern Baptists. That means Mississippi Baptists too. The per capita annual income in the United States is rated at more than \$525.00. The per capita income of Southern Baptists in 1940 was more than \$330.00. It is rated to be more now. It is conservative to say that \$300.00 per capita annual income is low for our people. Five million Southern Baptists then have an annual income of \$1,500,000,000. A one hundred percent tithing program would amount to \$150,000,000. In the year 1040 Southern Baptists contributed to all causes, local and denominational, about \$41,000,000.00. This is less than 3% of their income. A per capita gift of \$7.91 for the year. To bring the calculation closer home we estimate that Mississippi Baptists have a per capita income of at least \$250.00, which will produce a Baptist income of \$75,000,000. A tithe for Mississippi Baptists is not less than \$7,500,000.00. It is shown in 1940 we gave for all purposes \$1,634,657.39. This is a per capita gift of \$5.68 for that year. An increased membership for 1941 and an increased gift to all purposes, say \$1,750,000.00 would be less than \$6.00 per capita for this good year.

Now what do we have? We have a Bible minimum standard for the "storehouse of the Lord" set at one-tenth. We have Mississippi Baptists giving less than two and one-fourth percent. What other calculation can you make?

The peril of Southern Baptists is in their pastoral and church official leadership. "Those in authority" in the church have not been able to bring themselves to lead in big enough program. That which "looks so small to themselves, yet is too large to give away."

Certainly as Mississippi Baptists look toward 1942 and will within the next thirty days lay out a program and financial budget for what they will undertake, some time should be taken to make an inventory of our resources—cash income resources—and pray for faith enough to at least partially challenge our people. At the lowest calculation the 1942 goal should not be less than double what was done last year. In view of our cash income and in view of the great need in our state, will Mississippi Baptists undertake less?

E. D. HURST, Laurel, Miss.

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We are told that in some sections of the State the farmers are not through gathering their crops and making syrup. If this be true in your section and you did not get to ship your supplies at the time the commodities were collected for the Orphanage, please keep in mind the railroads will handle anything free of charge through December 6th. Be sure to get this information to the people in your section who have not been told about this.

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?—Luke 6:46.

"It was our privilege to have Rev. F. K. Horton with us at Phalti Baptist Church in a stewardship meeting the week of November second. We have been greatly blessed through his ministry among us. He is a rare character, used of God. We are grateful to God for the privilege of having this Spirit-filled preacher with us."—H. A. Hunderup, Jr., pastor.

More State Missions

Brother W. T. Johnson, one of our State Mission pastors, is shown here baptizing folks just won to Christ. Others came by letter and one by statement. Others are yet to be won.

Look upon what your prayers and offerings helped bring about in sending God's Gospel via state missions!



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION

"And he gave some, apostles; and, some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

"FOR THE PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS, FOR THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST:

"Till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

—Eph. 4:11-16.

REPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION

Your Education Commission feels that our colleges are fulfilling their purpose in Christ's service plan, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." They deserve a wider patronage, a larger support, and our prayers.

Christian Education receipts total \$99,021.63.

We appreciate the cooperation of Blue Mountain College in releasing Mr. Frank Skilton for a period of six months to aid in the Now Club campaign. He rendered excellent service.

Our Now Club Field men, H. T. McLaurin and Gaines Hightower, have been untiring in their efforts in this department. They report sympathetic reception on almost every field.

Mississippi Baptists generally appreciate the proposed purchase of \$106,400.00 of bonds next December first. This includes \$10,000 1941 maturities. All 1943-44-45-46-47 bonds are included. Many bond holders are giving every possible encouragement to the Now Club movement.

More bonds will be called May 1, 1942.

Bond maturities remaining are as follows: 1948—\$30,000; 1949—\$29,500; 1950—\$30,000; 1951—\$31,500; 1952—\$35,000; 1953—\$40,000; 1954—\$52,500; 1955—\$52,500; 1956—\$51,500; 1957—\$52,500; and 1942—\$11,000.

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.—Prov. 22:1.

PROPHETS OF GOD

Those who attend our churches in these difficult days want to hear a man that has a message from God. Their souls are troubled. Their hearts are hungry. Fears assail them. Wherever they look they behold enemies. The future is filled with thunderous threatenings. A woeful sense of insecurity grips them. They know that the things that men have trusted hitherto have failed. They are unhappy. They do not know what to believe.

These times should call us preachers back to preaching. The pulpit can regain the prestige it has lost in the twentieth century. The general situation has never offered a more favorable opportunity for real preaching. The kind of preaching that will make a pulpit a fountain of blessing is not the kind that has been done in too many pulpits in the last thirty years.

This is no time for quibbling. People are not interested in a man's doubts. They have too many of their own. It is no time for artificial preaching. The preacher who spends his week with the management of his church and being the slave of its multiplied organizations and who waits until Sunday to select a canned sermon out of a book and rushes into the pulpit on Sunday morning to spout what somebody else has said will not heal the hurt of the people today.

Our times call for preachers who have saturated their souls with the Word of God and through prayer and spiritual communion with Him whose spokesmen they should be, have gained God's message and are able to speak with the authority of the living God to those who turn aside to hear him. Such preaching is hard on the preacher. It calls for real preparation.

The people need the gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation today. The preacher who preaches it must know it himself. He cannot take another's word for it. He must give himself to the mastery of his message in his own life. The people will quickly know whether he is proclaiming the compassion of his soul or just some ideas he has picked up.

This is no time for the proclamation of petty themes. It is the Day of God's Vengeance. Our vanities and follies are being judged. Our science and culture has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Only God can grant the trusting heart a refuge from the perils that besiege it.

Twenty-five years ago the world went crazy with romantic optimism. Too many quit believing in sin. Too many got the idea that we could build a perfect world out of unregenerated men. Even those of us that were conservative in their theology got too hopeful of human nature. We put too much reliance on human nature and recognized too small a dependence upon God. The world is reaping the folly of our former foolishness. Today we have rediscovered the sinfulness of sin. The fact that it is punished cannot be ignored. Our only hope is the mercy of God. The mercy of God avails only to those who repent of sin and actually accept Christ as their true savior.

The most important thing a preacher can do these days is to preach. He should preach God's judgments against sin. He should proclaim the failure of everything that is not founded upon the Rock Jesus Christ. He should preach it with a heart that is hot in its sincerity and devotion to Christ his Lord.—N. W. C.

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Dr. William Lyon Phelps recently said in Yale chapel these words about church membership: "The most fatal result in any line of action is no result. This is what is wrong with the church today. It ought to cost more to get into it, more to stay in it, and there ought to be more difference between church members and others."

An old-country woman heard a sermon in which the use of dishonest weights and measures was exposed. The next day the minister called on her and asked what she remembered of the sermon. She complained of her bad memory, and said she had forgotten almost all he had said. "But one thing," said she, "I remembered—I remembered to burn my bushel."

Our backs grow strong from repeated burdens but break from a single blow.

EDITORIALS

THE EDITORSHIP OF THE BAPTIST RECORD J. D. Franks

Our acting editor, Secretary D. A. McCall, requested me to write an editorial for The Baptist Record, giving me the privilege to write on any subject I might see fit to choose. I have chosen to write on what I consider to be the most important question before Mississippi Baptists at this time, namely, the editorship of our paper. As I see it, Mississippi Baptists have not in a generation faced an issue of such grave importance as this.

At the very outset of this article, before any one misunderstands my motives, I wish to say that I have no individual in mind to nominate for the editorship of The Baptist Record, nor am I a candidate for the position myself.

The Baptist Record through the years has had outstanding editors, including such men as J. B. Gambrell, T. J. Bailey and most recently our beloved P. I. Lipsey. We must keep the quality high.

First in importance, the editor of The Baptist Record should be a man of beautiful Christian character. In his spirit, his general bearing and his conduct there should be no room for question as to the genuineness of his personal Christianity. He should be thoroughly orthodox in his manner of life.

The editor of our paper should be a man of unquestioned loyalty to the fundamentals of our historic Baptist faith, and able to defend and to promote them. He should also have a generous tolerance for the views and beliefs of other Baptists, and of Christians of other faiths. Baptists, of all people, are most democratic in their faith and practice, and should be least sectarian. They may differ from one another and from other Christian bodies on many things; but they must never be heretic-hunters, or persecutors for heresy.

Our editor should likewise be loyal to the denominational program. He should regard himself as a servant of every bona fide denominational agency or cause, both state and southwide, but he should not consider himself as under special obligation to any. In no sense should he be a religious hobbyist.

This editor should possess outstanding gifts, with special training in addition, as a journalist. He should know how to sense and how to present pertinent religious news and truths, so as to attract and appeal to the reader. He should be a man of recognized ability as a thinker, a writer and a leader. He should be able to write on current issues which the churches face, and the world faces, with independence of thought and with understanding. In all of his editorial policies he should be too big to be bossed, too humble to be bossy.

Our editor should be a man not afraid to break new ground. He should have the pioneer spirit of a Roger Williams. Changes are taking place today with kaleidoscopic rapidity in every phase of our world's life—political, economic, social, religious. It would be as tragic as it would be pathetic for Mississippi Baptists to have as the editor of their only state paper at this critical period one who could not change his thinking to fit the needs of the new era emerging. He should be keenly alert, able to distinguish between the things that really differ, to "prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."

Our world is moving fast and will continue to do so, whether we choose to move with it or not. Baptists have a distinctive contribution to make. They can influence for good the world's course and progress if they will, or they can let it go on to its own destruction unchallenged by them.

Baptists need to be aroused to the conviction that the gospel is meant not only to touch and transform personal character in the life of individuals, but that it is also meant to touch the total life of the whole world in which we live; that the gospel challenges the world's prejudices, exposes its sins, and offers it a new life. Christ's gospel is a universal gospel. The success of His gospel is

SOME FACTS ABOUT BELIEVERS AS SEEN IN FIRST JOHN, CHAPTER THREE By A. L. Goodrich

The book of First John was written by John to strengthen the faith of Christians and for the purpose of refuting the argument of the Gnostics who claimed that Jesus was only a vision or phantom. Hence, John says in 1:3b, "That . . . declare we unto you that ye also may have fellowship with us," and in 1:4, "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

1—John declares that believers ARE the children of God NOW. The expression, "Lord, finally in heaven save us," to say the least, is theologically incorrect. We are not going to be saved IF. We are saved the very moment we believe. The word used by John is *dedoken*. It is perfect, active, indicative. COMPLETED ACTION is indicated by this form of the word.

And John gives the reason we are saved now. And the reason is not our goodness, ability, church membership, charity. It is God's love.

2—In verse four John indicates the believer's practice. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." There would be no question about worldly amusements, or about worldly practices if every Christian would give attention to this verse.

3—The believer is to have a cross, John says in verse 13. Many Christians feel that the day they accepted Christ as Saviour they got on a through train for heaven on a perfectly smooth road. But John says, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you." This is just as true today as in John's day. Hundreds of pastors in Mississippi remember how bitterly they have been persecuted for their stand for righteousness.

4—The believer's knowledge. No Christian need doubt his security. In verse 14 John says, "We know we have passed from death unto life, because

measured by the extent of the universality of its influence upon the life of the world.

Apparently many Baptists seem not to be aware that the gospel is meant for all mankind, and for all of life. They seem content to move around in the little circle of their own church and denominational program of activities, and often they move with dizzy rapidity. But a few years hence they should not be surprised if they find themselves about where they are now.

A major requirement of the editor of The Baptist Record should be that he be a world-minded Christian. No barriers of race, color, creed, political boundaries, or national prejudices should interfere with or color his thinking, as he considers the Christian's obligation to the whole world. He should be able to see across all such artificial dividing lines which separate human beings from one another. This editor should be able to look at the world in the light of a supranational Christian faith. He should know how to discern the signs of the times, and to interpret the currents and cross-currents of contemporary religious thought and life. In all of his thinking he should be motivated by an over-mastering conviction that the gospel of Christ is able to save unto the uttermost needs of individuals and nations; that Christ's gospel is as deep and as broad and as all-inclusive as life itself; that it belongs to all of life's relationships, with no area, or segment, or aspect of life left out.

Baptists have stood for a regenerated church membership. We must continue to stand for that. Many distinctive principles of Baptists are born in their belief in the competency of the human soul in matters of religion, out of which have grown our doctrines of the freedom of worship, the separation of church and state, and many other teachings of great importance. We must continue to stand for those principles. They may again be challenged, even in this country.

From every standpoint our Baptist press occupies a strategic position in the defense and the promulgation of the things for which we stand. It will take a strong editor—strong in mind, strong in conviction, strong in faith, strong in scholarship and training to measure up to requirements of the editor's chair of our great Mississippi Baptist paper. We cannot afford to place any other type of man in that important place.

MY WILL, NOT THINE

Eastward in Eden where the garden lay, was man's paradise. Fair was the sunshine that glowed over its loveliness. But man's spirit which says, "My will, not Thine," changed that paradise into a desert of toil, of sorrow, of sin, of death. We imagine the sunshine was hidden by a dark cloud which swept into the sky. Chill winds whistled through all the trees so fair and so weighted with fruit that was good. Borne on the shrill wind, hear the death-cry of the woman's child, slain by his brother!

Hear in its moaning sweep across the dying grasses, broken-hearted sobs of the first mother, clasping to her heart her dead son. Hear in the wind the hoarse challenge of the murderer standing with gory dripping hands beside a desecrated altar, defying even the Almighty who would question his deeds. Hear the anguished wail of the mother seeing this, and realizing "My will, not Thine" in her heart had crumbled her world in ruins.

Hear the groans of the first father, his hopes for his sons blasted. Above the dreary thud of the digging as he makes his living by the sweat of his brow, hear his voice in grief, as longingly he looks toward the garden's peaceful woodlands where One used to come and walk with him in the cool of the evening, before he sinned against Him. Heart-hungry for a fellowship that "My will, not Thine" had broken, was he.

Then came Jesus, and in His life the spirit "Not My will, but Thine," changed the scene. The desert again may be a paradise for all who will enter through the Gate. In Gethsemane's garden, "Not My will, but Thine be done" was His cry. And the winds sighing softly through the olive trees that night wafted His words to God, and through Him was the gulf bridged and once again man may enter paradise!

"My will, not Thine!"

"Not my will, but Thine, be done!"

Which will it be for us?—M.

we love the brethren." *Metabekamen* is the perfect, active, indicative form of the Greek word *metabaino* and means to pass from one place to another. The Christian has passed from the place of death to the place of life. And he knows it—if he loves the brethren. Love is a part of every Christian life. Lack of it raises serious doubts concerning regeneration.

5—The believer's power. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him." 3:22a. Many Christians fail to consider the latter part of the verse which reads, "BECAUSE we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." Therein lies the Christian's secret. It is useless to live like the devil and then expect him to hear our prayers. Live close to God if you expect your prayers to be heard.

—BR—

Rev. W. M. Tabb has recently bought a place and moved to Wesson. He is pastor of Harmony in Copiah and Little Bahala in Lincoln. He will be glad to get in touch with a half-time church or two fourth-time churches. If you need a good pastor write Brother Tabb at Wesson, Miss., Box 162.

In the last three years nearly every church in Yazoo County has improved the building. We are counting on this being the best year of Yazoo County's history.

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EVANGELISM

Sponsored by Evangelistic Department

NOTE—We regret the name of the author did not accompany the sermon outline entitled, "What Two Kings Did." This sermon appeared in last week's issue. The reason for the omission is that the outline slipped from the clip attaching it to the letter that would identify it. We would appreciate it if the author would let us have his name.

ETERNITY

By A. L. Goodrich

Text: "—Every one of shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

I—EVERY ONE OF US MUST SPEND ETERNITY SOMEWHERE.

"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

1. Eternity—No illustration fits it.
2. We build and sacrifice for the uncertainties of this life.

II.—ONLY TWO PLACES TO SPEND ETERNITY.

"These shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:46.

1. Jesus says there is eternal life and eternal punishment.
2. Is God too good to send any one to hell? Doesn't send. They go. "Choose ye this day." "He that cometh unto Him." "These shall go."
3. People seek pleasant places in this life, resorts, cool spots, etc.

III—THE DECISION MUST BE MADE IN THIS LIFE.

"For we must all appear before the judgment of Christ." II Cor. 5:10.

1. No other place or time to make a choice. "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment."
- "Today is the day of salvation."
- "The Holy Spirit sayeth today."
- "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

2. Jesus is to be the judge. Confess and crown Him now and He will crown you then.

IV—OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS CHRIST IS THE THING THAT DECIDES.

"He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16.

- "Whosoever shall confess me before men."
1. No man can honor God and not His Son.
2. Whosoever accepts God and not His Son makes God a liar. "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."
3. To refuse to believe on Christ is to close the only door.
- "He that hath the Son hath life."

V—WHATEVER IT IS THAT KEEPS US FROM ACCEPTING CHRIST BECOMES THE PRICE OF THE SOUL.

1. Drink, impurity, worldliness, unforgiveness, pride, self-righteousness, friends, enemies, fear, covetousness.
- "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul." Matt. 16:26b.

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Moderator J. B. Smith of Deer Creek Association and his Executive Committee are launching a more comprehensive mission program, and hope to be useful in promoting missions, evangelism, pastoral support and building aid, by causing the churches in the Association to commit themselves to a financial program which will cooperate with the State Mission Board in meeting a great challenge that exists in this fast growing area. A fund is being raised by the churches and the Board is to spend it, using the committee in an advisory capacity. The field is white unto harvest.

The hearts of all of us about the offices are happy over the great State Mission offering. The W. M. U. went well above the \$12,000 mark. Doxology! We appreciate the leadership of Miss Traynor and Miss Robinson, as well as those in the local churches. We do not have complete reports on the Sunday School offering but it was a good one. Thank you, Brother Williams, and all other helpers. Our Sunday School superintendents form a great group.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

More Churches Adopt The EVERY FAMILY Plan

Straight Bayou, E. Y. Soileau, pastor; Mize, Smith County, W. E. Hardy, pastor; Calvary, Columbus, L. B. Wages, pastor; Montrose, Jasper, J. E. Wills, pastor; Stratton, Newton, C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor; Artesia, Lowndes, C. J. Perkins, pastor; Escatawpa, Jackson, V. C. Windham, pastor; Coat, Simpson, Guy Little, pastor; Mt. Zion, Wayne; Meridian, Calhoun.

At Christmas Time Remember the Boys In Service

Nearly every church in Mississippi has some young men in Uncle Sam's service. All of them can't come home. The Baptist Record will help drive the blues away.

EVERY FAMILY churches should add their names to their E. F. list. Others should send us their names and one dollar for an eight-month subscription. Upon request a Christmas card will be sent telling that their church is sending them The Record.

Do You Have a Friend?

The Baptist Record as a Christmas present will last for a whole year. Each week The Record will be a reminder of your friendship.

Water Valley

Brother James Thompson is president of the Men's Character Builders Class at Water Valley. He believes in The Baptist Record and its worth enough to pay for it on the E F Plan for November.

Remember Your Pastor

As churches prepare their budgets for 1942 they should remember their pastor. A recent article in a daily paper says that the average rise in living costs is 41%. Unless churches increase their pastor's salary they must eat less or go in debt. A word to the wise is sufficient.

A Slip of the Pen

In last week's issue we wrote that at Prentiss contributions had averaged \$225 per week above the budget. We intended to write per month instead of per week.

Has Been a Subscriber Since 1888

It has become a habit with me to expect and read The Record weekly. I began taking and reading it in 1888.

Sincerely,

J. W. STORY, Laurel, Miss.

It Was Our Error

Dear Brother Goodrich:

In the article "Wesson" of the current issue of The Baptist Record the sentence, "The total Sunday School enrollment is larger than the church membership," should be "The total Sunday School enrollment is larger than the resident church membership." That is what I meant to tell you. Please make the correction.

Yours,

MARK LOWRY.

Wesson, Miss., Nov. 27, 1941.

Thanks, Dr. Lowry, for correcting us.—A. L. G.

Brookhaven

At Brookhaven First Church they have a guest book in the lobby. On a recent Sunday guests registered from nine different cities and from four states. The Sunday School attendance is around 550. There are additions at almost every service. Dr. S. H. Jones is not only pastor at Brookhaven, but pastor at large—having many calls from other churches for meetings and special addresses. In addition to his pastoral duties he teaches Bible two

hours weekly at Whitworth College and one hour weekly to the hospital nurses.

Lincoln County's Record readers are listed as follows:

NEW PROSPECT 35; HOLLY SPRINGS 33; BROOKHAVEN 341; R. 2, 4; FRIENDSHIP 21 HEUCK'S RETREAT 53; Macedonia 1; Mt. Pleasant 1; Mt. Vernon 1; Pearlhaven 4; Topisaw 1; Bethel 1; Pleasant Grove 2; Montgomery 1; RUTH 32; Little Bahala 3; FAIR RIVER 22; MT. MORIAH 55; NEW SIGHT 20; Wellman 6; CLEAR BRANCH 16.

Oxford

Dr. Frank M. Purser, pastor at Oxford, lets no grass grow under his feet. On the Sunday we visited Oxford Dr. Purser had two committee meetings and one death call, in addition to his regular pastoral duties.

In a recent study course the following served as teachers: Mrs. H. B. Howerton, Miss Marion Leavell, Mrs. L. P. Leavell and Dr. F. M. Purser. And unlike many churches, Oxford church furnishes the text books. Home Cooperation Week was observed. A part of the program included an invitation to parents, babies and the Extension Department to attend the morning service. Additions come at most services.

Lafayette County now has Record readers listed as follows:

Abbeville 3; CLEAR CREEK 44; Denmark 1; OXFORD 59; Taylor 1; Lafayette Springs 1; NEW PROSPECT 75; Anchor 1.

Holly Springs

Rev. E. L. Byrd has been pastor at Holly Springs for 18 months and each month has seen progress. In these months there have been 88 additions. This year nine hundred dollars more has been given through the Cooperative Program than during the previous 12 months. The average Sunday School attendance for this year is 20 more than for last year. Since March the Sunday School has been Standard.

Marshall County has Baptist Record subscribers as follows:

BYHALIA 27; CLEAR CREEK 13; HOLLY SPRINGS 105; Pleasant Hill 1; PLEASANT GROVE 14; Slayden 2; CAREY CHAPEL 12; Mt. Pleasant 1; CORNERSVILLE 15; SALEM 11.

Louisville

Once again our prophecy came true. We said that when W. L. Day went to Louisville the E F Plan would soon be adopted. He brought it to pass sooner than we expected. In his first two months the following results have been obtained: one hundred twenty-five additions, two surrendered to the ministry, fifteen rededications, fifty percent Cooperative Program increase, B. T. U. organized (they had none), and the E F Plan adopted.

Winston County's Record readers are as follows:

ELLISON RIDGE 66; GOOD HOPE 37; LIBERTY 29; LOUISVILLE 84; Louisville R. F. D. 2; NOXAPATER 80; POPLAR FLAT 30; Shiloh 3; Union Ridge 11; Louisville R. 3, 2; BETHEL 25.

Meadville

Pastor W. W. Kyzar continues to grow in the esteem of the people at Meadville. They recently had a good meeting in which Rev. L. W. Ferrell did the preaching. The church made an offering of \$100 on State Mission Sunday and the Sunday School was expected to have an offering of \$15.00.

Prof. C. E. Smith is doing good work as Sunday School superintendent, while Mrs. W. W. Kyzar leads the B. T. U. and W. M. U.

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DO WE MERIT THE COMPLIMENT?

(Foreign Mission Board)—From an interior station near Pekin comes this interesting story:

In a Christian home where a Bible and a picture of Christ were in evidence the police came and ordered that they be removed at once. As the police went on down the street they were heard to say: "Strange that people in that place should be so thick with Americans."

There might easily be a sermon in this story—a reminder that, in the thoughts of the non-Christian world, Christian America may and should link itself inseparably with the Bible and its Christ.

THE CHURCH AND HUMAN CRISES

Matthew 16:13-19

(Sermon by Rev. L. E. Smith)

(Preached at Lincoln County Association and requested by them for publication.)

The church had its inception in the maelstrom of a colossal crisis. Christ, the founder of the church, saw that conflict with the forces of evil was inevitable. The message of the church endangered too many vested interests, violated too many social and political conventions to succeed unopposed. Emperors, kings, and magistrates saw their throne of power quaking under the relentless advances of the church. Purveyors of amusement, idol makers, the priests, the temple keepers all saw their callings threatened. To frustrate and disrupt the morale of the church, the Emperors of Rome breathed out threatenings and afflicted persecutions unspeakable. Twice the empire taxed its utmost powers to suppress the church, root and branch. The Caesars of Rome vied with the Christ of the church for deification, for emperor-worship and Christianity. Persecutions broke out in many sections of the Empire. Polycarp, burned at the stake in the stadium above Smyrna, steadfastly claimed the Lordship of Jesus. Paul, led out of the Appian way from Rome and beheaded, made the supreme sacrifice as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, keeping the faith. Sixty thousand Christians savagely slaughtered in the Coliseum of Rome, praised God for the glory of Christian martyrdom. The Roman highways witnessed the hideous spectacle of crucifixions and burnings at the stake. Thousands driven as fugitives from Roman terrorism, burrowed in mother earth and left 600 miles of catacombs, underground dwelling places, as a silent witness of their unwavering loyalty to the church. As in another setting, they were "tortured, not accepting their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword: they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth." Heb. 11:35-38. Regal and radiant above all this grim, sordid treatment and undeserved martyrdom was the emblem of the Cross in which was offered life in the midst of death.

By the sword, by tongue, by pen the foes of the church made their attack. Yet the only response which the Christian made to this opposition was heroic suffering and an earnest, oral and written presentation of the message of the church. Patiently, yet persistently, the Church advanced. The baleful wings of the Roman eagle began to crumble under the mighty impact of Christianity. The famous roads became highways for the heralds of the glad tidings of salvation: the language of the Empire became the mouthpiece for the proclamation of the way of life; the throngs, the classes as well as the masses of the mighty Empire were caught in the onward sweep of the church. Finally, Constantine, the Great, yielded to the power of the cross—all of which vindicates our Lord's affirmation regarding the church that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Throughout subsequent periods of human history, the church has made glorious triumphs over her enemies in the times of widespread confusion and chaos.

Today the church is in the storm of a world-wide crisis. As the word crisis indicates, we are confronted with a judgment: a judgment world-wide in its scope and paramount in shaping the destiny of all nations; a judgment that brings the church prostrate before God in humility and submission. As we face this crisis, we must make a turn. What will be our decision? The present world-wide crisis provokes me to make this inquiry: what is the relation of the church to this chaotic world? Will the church survive the present crisis?

In answer to the first question I affirm that the present crisis is:

I. A Challenge to the Church

1. A challenge to live uncompromisingly and heroically for Christ. Seemingly the world has declared a moratorium on morals. A widespread ten-

Dear Brother McCall:

RE: AUDIT OF THE BAPTIST RECORD,
JACKSON, MISS.

I have audited the records and books of account of the above named institution, and submit this my report, with the following EXHIBITS:

INDEX:

Exhibit "A" Circulation from November 1, 1939, to October 31, 1941; showing a gradual increase from 16,953 subscribers to 23,661 subscribers at the end of the period under review.

In the same EXHIBIT "A" is shown all collection for the year 1940-41, by months, classified as to:

Subscriptions,
Advertising and Other,
Total Collections.

Exhibit "B" All Revenue and All Costs for year ended October 31, 1941, as well as Profits and Losses by months.

Exhibit "C" All Salaries, Labor and Expenses distributed over the several Departments, segregating Salaries and Labor from Expenses, showing how much paid to each employee as salary and how much paid to each employee as expense.

The distinction between the two above named Exhibits is that EXHIBIT "B" shows distribution by months, while "C" shows distribution by Departments.

It will be observed that the Circulation Department and the Mailing Department is here combined for accounting purposes.

COSTS AND RESULTS OF OPERATING:

For the year ending October 1, 1940, the net loss was \$ 4,548.47

The Editor's salary for that year was not paid by the Baptist Record, but was paid by and charged to the Administrative Department of the Convention Board. Had said Editor's salary been charged to the Operating Expenses of the Baptist Record, it would have in-

dency prevails today to declare respectable many social evils. There is evident in this land today spiritual and moral decay that might spell the downfall of our republic. Under the stress and strain of this emergency many have given themselves to loathsome indulgences and unspeakable moral laxity. As members of the church, we must cleanse our lives of all sin and guile that would defeat the purpose of God for our lives through the church. We must show ourselves Christian in personal purity and character. Like Joseph the pure hearted, who, when lured by the foul fiend, Potiphar's wife, refused, choosing a prison with God rather than a fleeting moment of pleasure in sin; so also are we as the church of God to keep ourselves unmarred from the sin of impurity. Like Daniel, the brave-hearted, who, when enjoined to partake of the king's meat and wine, purposed in his heart not to defile himself, choosing rather a lion's den with God's favor than the king's palatial palace and riches; likewise are we as Christ's representatives to make strong our hearts against the tempter's offers. Like Moses, the emancipator who chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season: even so are God's messengers commanded to suffer and sin not. The only convincing testimony of the power of God to a skeptical, critical, unbelieving world is a life consistent with the will of God.

2. A challenge to play her part in national defense. Our nation is racing like mad to make impregnable the ramparts of our great republic. "All-out defense—total defense" is the cry for this unlimited emergency. As one man we stand to repulse the attack of any foreign enemy, but our spiritual blindness has destroyed the true perspective of a Democracy. A democracy does not consist of a political organization welded together by military might. A democracy is a spiritual entity, an attitude of mind, a way of life. Because it is founded on spiritual principles, its very life and

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creased the operating loss for the year
1939-40 ----- 3,000.00

Thereby entailing a loss for that year
aggregating ----- 7,548.47

For the period now under review the
net loss is ----- 3,243.57

And the improvement for this year over
last year is ----- \$ 4,304.90

Accounts Receivable from Subscribers one
year ago was ----- \$ 1,789.51

That inventory of subscriptions receivable was determined by an extensive analysis of all subscribers as listed in the Addressograph, and in the auditor's work sheets involving 12 pages is concisely set forth. This year it was deemed inexpedient to go to another city where the paper is printed, and make this determination; therefore it was estimated (conservatively so) that all such accounts receivable now aggregate 2,093.72

Thus affording an increase in value of \$ 304.21

This increase in value of "Subscriptions Receivable" has not been taken into account in arriving at the above "Improvement this year over last year."

CORPUS The Convention Board Office is by the auditor deemed to be holding Company for the paper; its Furniture & Equipment being carried on Convention Board Books, and its loss from year to year absorbed by said Convention Board Books of Account.

A modern system of accounting has been installed in the Baptist Record Office, whereby all collections are first classified, then entered, showing what Subscribers take the Church Rate, Club Rate for Individuals, and the strictly individual rate; and after entering all collections for the day, said funds are on prescribed form transmitted to the Convention Board Office, an official receipt taken therefor, and said funds deposited in Bank in the name of the Baptist Convention Board Office.

Page 6 of Audit Report of one year ago shows:

Subscription Receipts ----- 17,190.27
Advertising ----- 2,983.15
Obituaries ----- 22.14
Sale of paper and supplies -- 36.38

Total one year ago ----- 20,231.94

As compared with the period
now under review, as amplified
on herewith EXHIBIT
"B"

Total Collections for this year ----- 24,008.65

Improvement in amount collected ----- 3,776.71

Your attention is invited to EXHIBIT "A" with the view of effecting still further improvement in collections.

The herewith statements have been boiled down to a very concise analysis, though amplified sufficiently to enable a layman to understand.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Thos. E. Quin, a Certified Public Accountant and member of American Institute of Accountants, duly qualified according to law, do hereby certify that this report when taken in its entirety is true and correct.

(SEAL)

THOS. E. QUIN, Certified Public Accountant.
—BR—

First Baptist Church, Jackson, the largest in the state in point of members, has for some years been a leader in total contributions to all causes. For some months this church has been rather consistent in having the largest Sunday School and B. T. U. attendance. Congratulations to Pastor W. A. Hewitt and Assistant Henry, along with all helpers.

Miss Frances Lippincott, church secretary at West Point is a valuable helper in all phases of the work.

Rev. Harold Douglas, B. S. U. secretary at Mississippi State accompanied a large group of students in visits to the revival services.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:19; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:60.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21;
"Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

A TRAVEL TALK

(Dedicated to W. M. U. Week of Prayer)

It was at the Seminary that we first learned that Christianity had gained a foothold in China during three different periods in centuries long gone and each time had been practically blotted out by some tyrant coming into power.

Authentic history tells us that Christianity had gained adherents in China in 800 A. D. There were 3,000 Christian teachers in China in 1000 A. D. In 1300 there were 200,000 subjects ready for baptism. During this period it is recorded that one missionary baptized 6,000 persons within a dozen years in China. All this notwithstanding it took six months by methods of travel of that day to reach China from the strongholds of Christianity. One trip 10,000 miles in extent was made in the interest of Christianity in 1720 A. D. A ruler about this time asked for real Christian teachers (suggesting he knew the difference between the real and the make-believe). Two were sent by organized Christian forces and they turned back. No more were sent for the largest church group of that day was in a fuss over leadership, as to who should be greatest.

In Shanghai, after seeing the progress of present day Christianity on every hand, we asked dear Dr. Bryan, seventy-two year old missionary, if he didn't recall those periods. He promptly responded by saying, "Yes, but the experiences modern Chinese have in Christ are vastly different from the Nestorian Christianity of those centuries." Back then masses of people were received into the church when no personal regeneration was experienced by most of them. For instance, a general or a ruler would turn to the church and cause all followers to be received also.

Well, after spending profitable days aboard ship in contact with missionaries from several countries as we ploughed through the South China Sea, where the waters grew choppy and the weather cold, we landed at Kowloon, China, for a two-day stop, visiting Hong Kong across the channel, just another possession of Great Britain.

Hong Kong is on a very beautiful island, dotted by beautiful modern homes up the mountainside with the Chinese section resting at the foot of the mountain. It is circled by a hard-surfaced road over which we traveled sight-seeing, passing a Chinese Christian church sponsored by the London Missionary Society. We passed also schools, religious institutions, a Christian cemetery, the home of the U. S. Consul, two Chinese funeral processions quite different from our own sort and finally stopped at beautiful Repulse Bay.

A few hours north, unknown to us at that time, lay Canton, where we Southern Baptists have a great mission work, large school and one church of a thousand members. The Cantonese as a people are among the most vigorous of the Chinese. Had we known Canton was so close we would certainly have made a flying visit up there.

We pursued our way then on the S. S. Rajputana up through the strait separating the island of Formosa and the continent of Asia into the Yellow Sea. The water is yellow and very muddy-looking, due mostly to the emptying of the waters of the huge Yangtze River into the sea farther up. All Saturday afternoon we were in the mouth of the river, the banks not visible on either side.

Late as the tide kept going out we could feel the propeller of our ship as it hit the bottom of the river. Early in the evening the ship had to anchor, though only about two hours out of Shanghai, and

wait for the tide of the early morning to come in. It came in lifting the ship from the bottom of the river and allowing her to plough majestically on up the river under her own power. As we experienced that we cried, "Lord let the tide come into our hearts and into our churches that under the power from above we may go on in our work for Thee."

After breakfast, being vaccinated against smallpox, and passing through customs (it being said that Shanghai is one of the hardest places in the world to get by, though we experienced no difficulty) we found the J. H. Wares, missionary friends, waiting outside for us. Mrs. Ware is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. P. Long of Tupelo. We met her at University and again at the Seminary where we also met Mr. Ware.

Down through the city we went, passing a large hotel with Christian Chinese men proprietors, who will not allow the geisha girls (i. e. our girl of the street) the freedom of the hotel and neither will they allow public gambling nor liquors to be sold publicly. They ARE Christians.

This was Sunday morning, March 4th, and our first stop was at the Cantonese Baptist Church of about 600 members (there being about 500,000 Cantonese in this city). They have a four-story brick building into which Southern Baptist women put \$200,000 a few years ago, being matched with a like sum by the Chinese membership. There is nothing gaudy or showy about the house of worship, just large and suited for purposes of worship, study and training the multitudes of people. There are only four hundred and forty-two million people in China! They use their house of worship not one day in the week but seven days a week. We recall being introduced to a young woman teacher who had been baptized a short time before and her face was radiant with her new-found obedience.

From here we went to the Grace Baptist Church, a smaller one with 150 members. At the front we saw a sign in Chinese characters and asked Mr. Ware what it said. He read slowly, "Jesus Saves Sinners." Going inside the building we met the pastor as at the other church, also some of the members and noted a sign over the pulpit and again were told by Mr. Ware it said, "God is love." Looking to the side another sign fronted us and Mr. Ware read it, "Not selfish in the church." We said we were certainly going to take that back to America.

Then we drove to the Old North Gate Church, now the First Baptist Church, Shanghai. The pastor was away. We met an elderly deacon, hard of hearing. Mr. Ware later said of him, "He is a fine fellow." Meeting another deacon, Mr. Ware speaking to us aside said, "He is a fine one, too, and one of the best personal workers to be found anywhere." Hear it deacons of the U. S. A.!

At the rear of the auditorium are pictures and names of the Cradle Roll members with the words, "Jesus' Jewels" written at the top. The closing song of the Bible school was "Little Children Have Happiness in Heaven." We sat for awhile at the rear of a large Chinese men's class taught by an elderly Chinese.

As the service of worship started at 10:30 o'clock, we were escorted to the platform. After a devotional service, we were privileged to extend greetings through Mr. Ware as interpreter. After this a Christian Chinese evangelist, a general from the army, preached on "Faith." Mr. Ware sat by us and dropped the direction the sermon was taking. Then they observed the Lord's Supper, the deaconesses serving the women, and men serving the men. Children had taken the offering, the choir had rendered a special in very fitting manner, we thought. We could not understand the words (like some American choirs), but recognized many melodies. They sang among other hymns "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and "Trust and Obey." How it thrilled us to see and hear folks singing such songs, some of whom a little while before had been bowing to idols and images. Now they bowed to the Lord Jesus Christ!

A memorial tablet at the front of the auditorium read, "Rev. Matthew Tyson Yates, for 40 years a missionary in China of the Southern Baptist Convention, U. S. A., and for 32 years pastor of this church." We thought, "Hear that, restless pastors who run before every problem on any field. Hear

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We have already paid for the \$24,400 bonds called at Hattiesburg. We have already paid for the \$50,000 bonds called at Memphis.

Very likely we will have paid for the other \$25,000 bonds called, as well as the \$15,000 semi-annual interest by the time you read this.

Thousands of Mississippi Baptists join in this mighty march of loyalty!

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No. 3123 for \$36, No. 3124 for \$36, No. 3125 for \$36, No. 595 for \$50, No. 598 for \$100, No. 599 for \$100, Carpenter church in Copiah County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 68 for \$500, Davis Memorial church in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3281 for \$36, Jackson, First, Hinds-Warren (Mrs. Pat Rankin, worker).

No. 3282 for \$36, No. 3283 for \$36, No. 3284 for No. 3285 for \$36, No. 3286 for \$36, No. 3287 for \$36, Toomsba Church in Lauderdale county (Mrs. Barrett, worker).

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A NATIVE SON

Luther Harrison recently accepted the position as educational director of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

The Arkansas Baptist carried last week a half-page appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. He rendered distinctive service with the Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, not only as educational director, but as worker with boys, and helper in music, and in every other department of church life. Mr. Harrison has been president of the Religious Education Association of Arkansas and was prominent in many other state-wide activities. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and their children, Wanda Jean and Charles, to Oklahoma.

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Dr. J. D. Ray and daughter, Miss Margaret of Starkville; Dr. J. D. Frank, Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Perkins of Columbus and Rev. Allen, Louisville, were visitors in the services.

that, selfish churches always craving something new!"

That afternoon we went with Mr. Ware to a village church where it was our privilege to preach in China the first of several times. We spoke on "The Blood of Christ," Mr. Ware interpreting. About fifty people were present. He only went out there once a month. How they sang! We noted a blind young man. Mr. Ware said of him, "We have great hopes of him developing into a great leader for the people." They sang, "Jesus Paid It All," "This is My Story," etc. Again the Lord's Supper was observed.

Again we visited a village church with about 40 present and where after a brief service the Lord's Supper was observed.

Back to Shanghai we went to have the evening meal with Miss Juanita Byrd, another of our Mississippi missionaries, at the Shanghai Baptist University with 1000 students. Here we learned the Sunday before they had baptized twenty-five students and one mechanic. They have afternoon services for the servants who cannot attend other services.

Going to and fro this first day we saw multitudes of Chinese burning paper money for their dead. What a heart cry, trying to do something for the dead who died without a Christ, without God and many of us too busy at other things to help.

At 8:30 p. m. we spoke over a Christian Radio Broadcasting Station in English, being assured of a good hearing. One Chinese had put \$20,000 into it. Another had \$50,000 ready for a short wave station to girdle the globe with the Gospel. Others give, we were told, \$250 and \$1,000 at the "drop of the hat" to evangelism.

Still they have not enough missionaries, nor enough native pastors and workers because China is a land of multitudes!

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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We are in the midst of our Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions, and I have a hope that every organization is observing it with a worthy offering. Last year the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the South reached \$363,746.30, Mississippi W. M. U. gave more than \$17,000 of that amount. If each organization will increase their offering 10% over last year's and the ones that did not make a gift last year, will join us, our offering will go beyond \$20,000.00. The need across the world is appalling. I am praying for the above amount.

"He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, and he that giveth to the rich shall surely come to want." Prov. 22:16.

As the giving season approaches, it is well for us to consider the foregoing verse. If we spend our money to give presents to those who do not need anything, we find ourselves in very bad company, for the Bible puts those who "give to the rich" in the class with those who "oppress the poor," and places on each the very same penalty.

In a world where there is so much need, let us make our giving supply some of that need, thereby taking out a kind of insurance for ourselves, for there is another verse that says, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

Fearing that someone may hastily or carelessly side-step these two verses, I want to call attention to the latter half of Jer. 1:12, "For I will watch over my word to perform it."

To the above, I should like to add my personal testimony. It has been many years since the real blessings that came from giving to the poor were first called to my attention. Through all these years I have seen many people sustained financially and enriched spiritually by carrying out this simple rule. Does your spirit crave adventure? The most exciting and profitable venture I know of is to try to outdo the Lord in giving! He lets us choose the scale on which we will give: "With what measure ye meet, it shall be measured to you again." Let us plan for a high scale of giving.

MRS. J. L. JOHNSON.

THE TYLER HERALD

Extra! Extra!

Thanksgiving Edition

Vol. II Blue Mountain, Miss., Nov. 8, 1941 No. I

When I discovered that Mommie and Daddy were not planning another edition of the Herald until Christmas, I decided it was time for me to take charge and get out an Extra to let you know about my baby sister, Mary Carol, born at the Memphis Baptist Hospital, Nov. 2.

She's a little honey! Weighs eight and a half pounds, has black hair, bright, dark eyes, a round, chubby face and the daintiest little dimpled hands I ever saw. We'll call her Carol because she's already brought a new melody of love into our hearts.

Wilfred is teaching at the college and Frances is in Memphis (that's the reason I can call them by their first names!) but I know they join me in wishing you a glad Thanksgiving!

Happily yours,

LUTHER LANDRUM TYLER.

(The above announcement is the daughter of Dr. W. C. and Frances Landrum Tyler. We rejoice with them.)

Finishing Up The Year

We are facing the very last lap of the journey. How is it with you? Are you among those who are looking back at the many lovely plans made in the beginning of the year, programs that were to have been attractive and enticing? Are you remembering that one afternoon each week was to have been set aside to visit absentees and prospective members and are you remembering with dismay how

you let things interfere and now find yourself discouraged with a disorganized group limping toward the year's close?

Or are you among those who DID pray and plan about their meetings and who have seen splendid results in growing interest, new members, awakened consciousness of the spiritual needs of the world and individual responsibility? Who have seen the young people in their groups develop in their understanding of the missionary message of the Bible? Who have watched their prayer-life grow beyond the confines of self and home and reach out to include missionaries and mission fields and have seen their eager response to service in Christ's name?

If you are in this last class, then you are looking forward to the particular things that are to be accomplished before January first. To the leader who feels she has failed miserably we say: "Don't be discouraged to the point of giving up; we have all passed this way; now look at the interesting things to be done."

The first week in December will be the season of prayer for foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The response of our young people depends largely on the way we present the needs to them. Suppose you take to your next meeting pictures of foreign missionaries with cardboard, paste and scissors and ask each member to select a missionary to be a special object of prayer; let each child mount his and take it home. Ask them each to place the picture where it will be seen constantly and to daily pray for the missionary and his field of labor. Then ask them to put close by that picture a receptacle and see how much they are willing to deny themselves day by day that they may make a worthy offering to all the objectives. When the time for the ingathering comes follow the suggestions in the program for your organization and make the service as impressive as possible, closing with a prayer that these love-gifts will be blessed in carrying the message around the world.

Promotion-day should be held in December or early in the New Year. Every one loves promotion. Invite the mothers, grandmothers, and friends. Have the promotion certificates, which are sent on request from your state W. M. U. headquarters, properly filled out; make an event of it, something to remember. This is a good time to present mission study certificates and reading cards that have been filled and to recognize advance in Forward Steps and Banking System.

The time will come in December for the last marking of the Standard of Excellence. Have you through the year marked it with regularity and ingenuity? Why not on promotion-day have an exhibit of "Standards" to encourage originality in marking and to stress their importance as a record?

Let us put our BEST into this last month and make it count for Christ.—Mrs. G. A. Carothers, Young People's Director, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., in Royal Service.

1942 Year Book

The new Year Book is a PICTURE BOOK. The cover shows in striking black and white design our great project for the coming four years—"A Debtless Denomination by 1945." The diagram on the first page is now, representing W. M. U. organizations as gems set in a ring. The splendid diagram on page 107 is a picture of the full scope of woman's missionary activities.

The new Year Book is a SONG BOOK. The hymn for the year, "The Light of the World is Jesus," is reproduced on the inside cover page and explained beautifully on page thirty-two.

The new Year Book is a DIRECTORY. Find the names of southwide and state officers, headquarters of all our boards and agencies in the very

front of the book. At the last is a list of plays and pageants and of helpful material to be procured from Birmingham. The list of mission study books for the required course is to be found on page forty-eight and for advanced study on page fifty.

The new Year Book is a BOOK OF METHODS. Study our Plan of Work, Standards of Excellence, suggested program outlines for circle meetings, duties of officers and committee chairmen. Notice the interesting statistical facts from W. M. U. reports, recorded on page one hundred and six. Use the special installation service suggested, the parliamentary rules so well revised by Mrs. W. C. James, and the suggested Constitution for a W. M. S. Read suggestions for the Executive Committee of a W. M. S. by our own Mrs. J. J. McKinstry, of Tupelo, Mississippi.

But the new Year Book is more than these things. It is a BOOK OF INSPIRATION. From the president's interpretation of the new watchword on page ten, and from each article written by choice workers from all the states, real inspiration may be drawn. We are indebted to all those who have contributed to this Year Book, to the committee who planned it, and to those whose responsibility it was to assemble the material for printing.

Free copies have been sent to each society having filled out and returned the blank sent last month. Additional copies may be purchased from W. M. U. headquarters, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., at 10 cents each.

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A CALL TO DUTY

By Alfred Carpenter, Superintendent
Camp Work, Home Mission Board

"We need additional chaplains." The fact that we do not have a single Naval Reserve Baptist chaplain who is not on active duty should be ample proof of the above urgent call from the Navy for additional chaplains.

On July 1 Southern Baptists had 13 regular and six reserve Navy chaplains. Since then six reserves have been endorsed, making a total of 25 chaplains in the Navy should all recent endorsements be commissioned. This is far below par.

With the steady increase of enlistment in the Navy causes the chaplaincy concern, as they are anxious to adequately meet the spiritual needs of their men. The two-ocean Navy with its rapid expansion needs the best possible morale and this cannot be accomplished without proper spiritual leadership.

We need young men with seasoned experience and administrative ability—fearless, faithful, fruitful preachers of the Gospel, warm-hearted soul-winners, men willing to make any sacrifice necessary for the needs of their men. Yes, the qualifications are high, the work strenuous but the reward glorious.

Wherever I have touched a naval base, chaplains have pressed upon me this need and requested it be given prayerful consideration on the part of the preachers. Brother Baptist preacher, pastor, will you pray about this and give the Holy Spirit a chance to move your soul?

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DOWNTOWN CHURCHES

I like to see the downtown churches holding their places. It seems good to me that here and there amid the rush of traffic there should remain a building that has no bargains to offer and no shop window display.

This is a hospital for sick and weary souls. It is making a battle not for our own sake but for the sake of others. A church in any neighborhood is an asset. Any street is better for its presence.—Edgar A. Guest.

EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW
By G. C. Hodge

Every Christian Should Know That Our Lord Is in Business. He is in the business of building churches.

If the Lord had His way He would build a church in every community. Whether in congested centers or in the open country He would build a church within reach of every individual, that all people might be blessed by its ministry and message, that through it every redeemed soul might worship and serve the Master, and that every unredeemed soul might have the gospel preached unto him.

If the Lord had His way He would have in every community a church building. It is in order for a church in its infancy to meet in a home, or in the open, but after it is established, if it is to grow, it must have a building in which to meet.

If the Lord had His way the church building would be the best building in the community. It seems but reasonable that "God's House" should be the best in the community. Among people who have little or no love for God one might expect "the House of Worship" to be the most dilapidated, unsightly building in their midst, but where people appreciate, love, honor, worship and serve God it is but natural that they should want the church building to be the most attractive.

If the Lord had His way the church building would be constructed with a view to worship. Some buildings are constructed apparently for the sole purpose of protecting the worshippers from rain and cold. There is nothing about them to suggest reverence, and it is more difficult to worship in them than in some others. Other buildings are so constructed as to make it easy to worship while in them.

Suppose the President of our nation should announce to a certain church that he would worship with them on a given date. And suppose the members of that church should make no preparation for his coming. Suppose when the President entered the building he should find everything in disorder; the seats disarranged and covered with dust, cobwebs in the corners, dirt-dobber nests and wasp nests on the ceiling, song books and other papers scattered over the floor, no flowers or decorations of any kind—nothing to indicate appreciation of the people for the President and his presence—do you suppose he would meet to worship with them again? Suppose the Lord of lords, the King of kings, the Ruler of heaven and earth, the Captain of our salvation, should enter a church and find such disorder and lack of appreciation for Him and His presence—do you wonder how He could come again?

People do not act so indifferently toward people of renown, but fix and decorate for them, and if the Lord had His way every church in the land on every Lord's day would be clean, set in order and properly decorated in appreciation for and in honor of the Master of all the redeemed of all ages.

Every Christian should know that Mississippi Baptists have been in the business of building churches since the State Convention was organized. In addition to the buildings constructed by local churches, Mississippi Baptists have, as a part of State Mission work, assisted in building churches in all parts of the state.

During the first twenty years of the life of the Convention six churches received aid in church buildings. The first was at Natchez, the second at Vicksburg, the third at Jackson, the fourth at Canton, the fifth at Yazoo City and the sixth at Grenada.

During the last twenty years Mississippi Baptists have from State Mission funds invested \$134,169.00 in 211 churches. Twelve of these churches received help over a period of three years. Four received help over a period of four or five years.

The State Convention Board each year receives applications for help on church buildings amounting to a total of from ten to twenty thousand dollars, but for the past few years only three thousand dollars a year has been allocated to this fund. Oh! that Christians would give more through the Cooperative Program that they might build more churches and do all the Master has for them to do.

(The above is a digest of the message on "The

NOTES FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BILOXI, AND U. S. A. T. S.
By Mrs. G. C. Hodge

They were a long way from home, those three lingering by the door after the Fellowship Service Sunday night—about 3,100 miles—Washington, Oregon and Montana were their homes until a short while ago. We spoke to them, told them of our pleasure in having them with us and invited them to our Saturday night social.

No longer are we embarrassed when we cannot remember each one's name. There are too many of these boys in khaki; but after seeing them a few times their faces become familiar and we place them among the "regulars."

Reasons for being thankful, as given in the church prayer meeting, ranged from "I'm thankful I'm not on K. P. tomorrow; I had it yesterday," to "I'm thankful I wasn't sent to Panama or Trinidad."

Surely you all know by this time that K. P. isn't always a punishment. There aren't enough bad ones—the Lord be praised—so all have to take turns.

We appreciate the spirit of that fine lad who said, in reply to our invitation to Thanksgiving dinner, "Oh, no; I was over there just a short time ago. Ask some other boy who hasn't been invited out," and we did. He was a preacher's son and has a special place in our interest.

Where are the girls? In the days B. C. (Before Camp) there were girls galore and the boys were few and far between. If any of your girls are working in our town or in Keesler Field offices, let us have their names and addresses. We need them. Three fine ones volunteered for church work today. What a joy to find such choice souls!

Thanksgiving was a wonderful day. Church service at 7:00 a. m. A group broadcast for the pastor at 9:30 (he being at State B. T. U. Convention); four fine boys with us for dinner, as in many Biloxi homes. We were "at home" in the afternoon and another group gathered to play games, adjourning twice to the yard for active games. One boy prepared chili for all. His recipe? "Just empty the pantry in the pot." It was good. So were the chocolate, toast and candy made by the girls. Yes, they washed up the dishes before they left; they know how.

135 in one Sunday School class Nov. 16; not so many over the Thanksgiving week-end. Nine additions to the church that day; four last Sunday.

Being compelled to open the folding doors at the back of the auditorium has rejoiced the hearts of the local congregation, and we still have the balcony. Our church will seat about twelve hundred.

Around 12,000 boys here now, November 25. We hear that 50% will get Christmas furloughs.

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SOME FACTS CONCERNING A STATEWIDE BSU SECRETARY

Not long ago there was a young woman who finished her college work in one of our colleges where Baptist Student Union is organized and functioning. After she had spent approximately one year in the teaching profession, she wrote back to the secretary on that campus saying that she had come to realize that the Baptist Student Union had helped her more than any other student organization on that campus. This incident is only one of many others which occur year after year. Many students are won to Christ; many are brought to a deeper consecration and a dedication because of Baptist Student Union. Yes, Baptist Student Union adds the plus to the college education—that plus being Christ. In this day when there are so many undermining factors in our world which seek to destroy the student's simple faith in Christ, Baptist

Church Building Fund," delivered to the State Convention in Meridian, November 12.)

ANNUAL EVANGELISTIC REPORT TO THE CONVENTION

The fullness of the year's work can not be fully revealed in words and figures. It has been a very busy, happy and difficult year. There is much unrest and spiritual lethargy among the people, yet our Cooperative Program Mission work has grown day by day and still gaining.

Rain during July, August and September hurt seven of our revival meetings badly. Below is a brief summary as follows:

Sermons Preached	504
Public Addresses Made	144
Subscriptions for the Baptist Record ..	343
Tracts Distributed	9462
"Gospel of John" Distributed	117
Baptisms	106
By Letter	61
By Statement	2
Total Additions	169
Attended Two State Conventions and Southern	3
Attended Annual Association Meetings ..	3
Attended District Sunday School Conferences	18
Attended Two State Evangelistic Conferences	2
Taught S. S. and B. T. U. Training Classes	11
State Mission Offering Collected and Checked In	\$571.29
Through the Cooperative—collected and checked in	58.19
For the Now Club—collected and checked in	97.00
For Orphanage—collected and checked in ..	.50
For Army Camp Mission Work—collected and checked in	8.80
TOTAL	\$735.78

Sincerely yours,

E. D. ESTES, State Evangelist.

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Some things that greatly impressed your secretary at West Point: The deacons met and pledged their cooperation preceding our first service together; the Daily Times-Leader, ably edited by Mr. Edgar Harris, gave much space to stories on the meeting; a goodly group of men gathered on Sunday evening to discuss the details of our work.

tist Student Union stands firm seeking to win, enlist, and HOLD our students for Him. In the twenty schools and colleges in Mississippi where Baptist Student Union is organized and functioning, that mission is being fulfilled. However, we feel very keenly the need for the enlargement of our Baptist Student Union program in our state. There are several tax-supported schools, and many private, business, defense, and nurses' schools which have no form of BSU work. But, the task is too great for student hands alone; we must have adult leadership. Our present local secretaries have their hands full in promoting their individual programs. It seems that the only answer in supplying the need is for the Board to employ a full-time Statewide Baptist Student Union Secretary in addition to those local secretaries now serving. The cost will be small in comparison to how much a Statewide Secretary would mean to Mississippi, especially to our Baptist Student Union program. Let's train the college student to tithe and to serve His Christ and these matters will always be a part of him; let's win him to a deep surrender that he may take Christ into his home, business, and into all other phases of his life. You, as Mississippi Baptists can assist in this, one of the greatest mission enterprises, by helping us launch out with a mightier, more forceful program through your giving of money, time, and support for a Statewide Baptist Student Union Secretary.

Thousands of Baptist students over our state will observe a special day of prayer on December 1st and another on December 15th—praying that God's Will be done in the matter of a State Secretary. We want His Will to be supreme; we earnestly ask that you join us in prayer that we and each member of the Board might know definitely what God would have done on December 15th.

Yours in the interest of 8,000 Baptist students,

BILLY WATSON,
State BSU President.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
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ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

During the week of January 19-23, 1942, there will be the second series of associational Sunday school meetings. The first of these rounds was made the first part of 1941, and the plan is to continue this phase of promotional work through the four years known as the Four Year Program, which includes the years 1941-1944.

Last time we had six teams and covered the state in two weeks, with some Saturday meetings. This time we will have fourteen teams and will cover the entire state in five days, with no Saturday meetings. Each team will be composed of three people: a Team Leader, a Team Pastor, and an Elementary Leader. The Sunday School Board is furnishing some of these workers, the three from the State Sunday School Department will serve, and the others are coming from our own people here in the state.

These will be one-day meetings, and the people coming will bring lunch. The host churches will serve drinks for the lunch hour. A most encouraging and cooperative spirit has been shown by all those whom we have contacted with reference to the promotion of these meetings.

All the people should put their very best into this week's work, for it will be the only strictly Sunday School meeting of the year in many of these associations. Full details as to plans, program, meeting places, teams, etc., will be sent in ample time to all pastors, superintendents, associational officers, and others. Join us in prayer that that week may be all that it should mean in the promotion of the great Sunday School program for 1942. We want those meetings to be an honor to our God.

CLOSING OUT

We are now at the time of the year when we shall soon be closing it out and looking forward to a new one. As we do close out the good year of 1941, let us not overlook the performing of every thing that should and can be done to make each Sunday School a better one for teaching our people the Bible. Often there are matters of more or less minor importance, apparently, but which do greatly affect the efficiency of the entire school. These should be worked out, the weak places built up, forward steps taken, and a close survey given to every department and class in the school.

One major item to consider carefully is the standards. The general school standard expires with the calendar year. Check-ups should be made before January first to determine if there are any points short on the standard. If there are, pull them up and be ready to make out in January the application for the standard award for the year 1942.

The class and department standards expire September 30. Since they are made out on the basis of a quarter's work, January is the month for making application for the standard award for the first quarter of the Sunday School year which begins October first. Blanks and other

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WEST SIDE CHURCH—MACON

We have a small church located near the G. M. & N. depot in Macon. This church was organized about five years ago, by the Rev. C. S. Mullins, who is now located at Starkville. There are only a few resident members and a goodly number of them are young people. Our work is supported by our State Mission Board. During the third week in October we had our fall revival with Brother E. D. Estes doing the preaching. His messages were forceful and he presented the Christ without fear or favor. The interest of the church was deepened and our Sunday School and B. T. U. were reorganized and set to work. We covet the prayers of Christian people as we strive to labor on for Christ in this portion of His vineyard here on earth.

Yours for service,
REV. BERTON McGEE

—BR—
A SAFE ARRIVAL

(Foreign Mission Board)—News has been received of the safe arrival in this country of Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens and their family. These two workers—the last of our missionaries to leave Palestine—were compelled in the early summer to suspend their activities there. Their journey home has been a devious one since they were compelled to travel via the Pacific to South Africa and thence to America.

—BR—

THE SOLDIER GOES TO CHURCH

11,640,000 soldiers attended religious services during the year ending June 30th! The Army started this year with only 300,000 men, and ended with a million and a half, but had large numbers only during the second six months, so that this figure for total church attendance makes an average of better than once a month for every man in the Army. Average attendance at each service was 97.8. Soldiers prefer their own chaplains to outside preachers, for the average Army chaplain's service drew 125 men, while a civilian minister drew only 92. Protestant chaplains held 14,483 Bible classes.

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PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, MISS. STANDS OUT WITH BIBLE STUDY CLUB

It was after many weeks of planning and prayer that the BIBLE STUDY CLUB of Parkway Baptist Church made its first appearance.

Let me tell you in the beginning what I mean in saying "BIBLE STUDY CLUB" then you can appreciate with its members the sincerity that it has left in the hearts of many young men.

Four years ago the Soldiers Class of Parkway Church found it difficult to discuss the Bible as they would like to have discussed it. Special meetings meant very little to those boys. Time passed and nothing different happened, until finally one night in the home of Miss Eunice Sandlin the subject was brought up again that we needed more Bible training. That night has meant much to us since that was the beginning of the Bible Study Club.

It was not a difficult matter to get the boys to attend the meeting. Some nights there were thirty-five and forty boys and again there have been as few as ten, but we are told that where there are two or three gathered together in God's name, that He is surely present. That is the spirit with which the boys came to every meeting, and many young men who probably would have not known Jesus have come to know Him through the Club.

We must not forget to mention the fact that this club has increased our Sunday School membership from seven members to fifty-six. I must say too, that even though the weather is bad, you can depend on the group of boys to be up and on the job. Once when we thought that the Club had come to an end the spirit moved within us to get going and now we are going stronger than ever before.

Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hill we feel that nothing can stop us from getting the training that we need to do the will of God. If you readers are ever in Jackson and have the opportunity to visit with us in our meeting, we are always happy to welcome you.

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—BR—

Foreman of Roadworkers: "Excuse me, but was that you singing?"

Miss Soprano: "Yes, why?"

Foreman: "Well, next time you sing, I wish you wouldn't hang on that top note so long. The men have knocked off twice already, mistaking it for the dinner whistle."

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"Well, it certainly has had its ups and downs."

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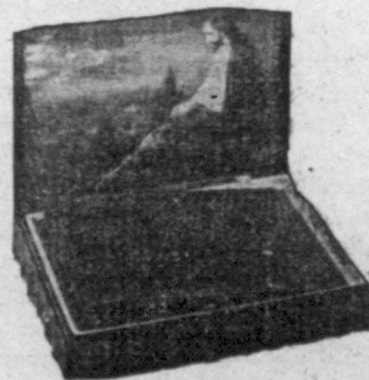
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BRACEY CAMPBELL

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Prepared by Bracey Campbell
Lesson for December 7
CHRIST'S CHURCH

Bible Texts: Matt. 16:13-20; 18:15-20; Acts 2:37-47; 8:1; 9:31; I Cor. 7:17-; 12:4-31; Gal. 1:13, 21-24; Eph. 1:5-23; 4:1-16; 5:25-27; Rev. 1:10, 11.

Introduction. The qualified voters of a Greek city were accustomed to assemble for the purpose of electing their officers and legislating for their city. These qualified voters were "called out" of the mass of the population into this assembly. They were the "called out," and the assembly of free citizens, the assembly of the qualified voters, was denominated the "called out." Now the noun which they used and which meant the "called out" is the word which we translate by the word "church." A church is an assembly of the "called-out," and its members are those whom the Lord has called out of the masses of men to Himself in order that these called-out ones may attend to His business.

I. Its Earliest Form. Matt. 16:13-20; 18:15-20.

1. Its Architect and Builder. Matt. 16:13-20.

The word "church" occurs here for the first time as a recorded utterance of our Lord and for the first time in the New Testament. "Upon this rock I will build my church." The "rock" is the truth about Christ, personally perceived and personally experienced grasped and held as a personal conviction, personally professed, personally defended, and personally propagated.

"I will build," asserts that Jesus is the architect and builder. Except He build the church, they labor in vain that build.

"The keys of the Kingdom" is a symbol of power. He gives it into the keeping of His church. It is the power to declare the truth, truth in conduct as well as truth in thought.

2. Its Corrective Discipline. Matt. 18:15-20.

A member of the "called-out" has offended. Let another member go and deal with the offending brother, seeking to win him back. Failing in the personal, private effort, the first member will go back, taking in his company one or two others, who will go with him to the offender and strive in love to bring him to see his error. They who engage in this work must be genuine. "If a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness" (Gal. 6:1). "Ye who are spiritual restore." There you have it! This restorative work is to be performed by spiritually minded men. But the offender may pay no attention to them. Then tell the church, and if he will give the church no ear, consider him a lost condemned, unregenerate man, to be prayed for and labored with and loved and led as any other lost man.

II. Its Development. Acts 2:37-47; 8:1; Gal. 1:13; Acts 9:31.

1. The Inflow of Its Power. Acts 2:37-40.

Read again this wonderful passage. Someone has called the Day of Penta-

cost the birthday of the church. Holy Spirit came that day and took up His blessed residence in the body which God had prepared for Him, and that body was the church. The members of that body went at God's work of witnessing, all the members went at it, and not the eleven apostles only. An occasion for one of the number to speak on behalf of the Lord for all the group, and Peter spoke.

Peter's sermon was not especially eloquent nor profound. It was simply a quoting of Old Testament prophecy, and an application of it which proved Jesus to be the Christ and Lord whom the prophets of God had promised. How account for the tremendous effect of it? Easy! It was the truth, and the Holy Spirit can use the truth where he has no use for star-dust speech. Then the Holy Spirit had a chance. Now, my preaching sometimes leaves the Holy Spirit no chance. But he wrought on the Day of Pentecost.

2. The Outflow of Its Power. Acts 2:40-47.

The Spirit wrought through His body and His work was the conviction of 3,000 people who, under the power of that conviction, yielded to Jesus Christ as Lord and were baptised as a confession of their having accepted Him as Lord.

Read verse 42 as an explanation of why, from the human standpoint, the church grew. "They continued," they kept on, persevered, did not quit. "Steadfastly." It was by courageous and undeviating loyalty to principle. "In the apostles' teaching." It was the truth in which they "continued steadfastly," and it was in the realm of the truth that they had fellowship and that they enjoyed all Christian privileges and blessings.

3. Its Refinement Under Persecution. Acts 8:1; Gal. 1:13.

The Lord adapted His means to the end He had in view for the church. He wanted a missionary church. This was not until persecution drove them out of Jerusalem. God had to bring them into distress in order to get them into line with His will. Christians must bleed if they bless.

4. Its Growth. Acts 9:31. After refinement, rest. After bleeding, blessing. After sowing in tears, reaping in joy.

III. Its Ideal Conduct and Vital Unity of its Members. I Cor. 7:17; 12:4-31.

1. Its Members in Worthy Walk. I Cor. 7:17.

2. Its Vital Unity. I Cor. 12:4-31. Read this wonderful passage. How can one add anything of any sort? I only outline.

(a). Various gifts but one giver. I Cor. 12:4-13.

(b). Various members of one body. I Cor. 12:14-31.

IV. Its Pauline Name. Gal. 1:21-24. He calls it "the faith."

V. Its Divine Head. Eph. 1:15-23. Christ is the head of the church. No one else.

VI. Its Position of Service and How Filled. Eph. 4:1-16.

VII. Its Divine Love. Eph. 5:25-27.

VIII. Its Asian Examples. Rev. 1:10, 11.

—BR—

First Pedestrian: "I wish I had the money that was paid for all of those cars going by."

Second Pedestrian: "I wish I had the money that is still due on them." —Exchange.

ELEVEN MEN ATTENDED

Eleven of our laymen attended the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference at Meridian last Monday night. The pastor wishes to thank Mr. R. B. Taylor and Mr. J. T. Biggs, Jr., for furnishing cars to take the men. The following other men went with them: W. H. McGee, R. J. Porter, I. H. Barron, C. E. Beemon, J. S. Tillman, L. E. Harrell, H. G. Barlow, Dr. Otho Messer and Elbert Guynes. Many felt that the best speech made was that of Mr. H. G. Barlow, who gave his experience as a tither. I am sure the Lord will use it to help others decide to tithe. The program was all good, and our men seemed to enjoy it very much.—Crystal Springs Bulletin.

—BR—

REPORT OF B. S. U. AT MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE

By Harold Douglas, Student Secretary

The work at Mississippi State is progressing. Since a local Secretary was placed on the campus February 15, 1941, the work has been shifted from student leadership to an adult leadership. This year there are 703 Baptist Students on the campus; 69 indicate no church preference. This year 275 of these are being reached by Sunday School or B. T. U. or worship service. There are two Sunday School classes and six B. T. U.'s. Students are transported to and from the college by a B. S. U. owned bus. Five of the State College folk went to Ridgecrest and 46 to Jackson for convention. There were three part time voluntary summer workers from State College this past summer. In March a Religious Emphasis week was held.

—BR—

WHAT ABOUT THE GIRLS WHO STAY AT HOME?

Here is a new problem. While the able-bodied young men of the country are taking advantage of the spiritual opportunities provided by the church and the government, and literally crowding the chapels for services and religious instruction, our young women continue along their usual paths. After a recent address a lady remarked to your director. "Something ought to be done for the young women of the country, or they will be pulling down the standards of the young men when they come home!" This sounds like a reversal of popular ideas.

—BR—

We have much to be thankful for in the Baptist Orphanage: for food and clothing and shelter; for the love and sympathy and prayers of God's people; for the love and protection of God Himself; for health and strength and life itself; for friends and loved ones; for peace and plenty; for the privilege of being Americans and Christians. "Count your blessings, name them one by one; and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."—W. G. Mize, superintendent, faculty and children of the Orphanage.

—BR—

Two small boys were engaged in earnest conversation. "I heard my mother reading about the ice jam," said one. "I wonder what it is."

"I guess," said the other, "it's the kind the little Eskimos eat."

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The doctor's little daughter had strayed into his surgery, and was watching, wide-eyed, as he tested the heart and lungs of a patient. Suddenly she spoke:

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THE CHURCH AND HUMAN CRISES

(Continued from Page Six)

survival are dependent upon the perpetuation of moral and spiritual qualities in its body politic. The distinctive elements of a democracy are equality, fraternity, personal freedom, certain inalienable rights, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A government of the people, by the people and for the people is conditioned upon the character of the people. Hence I affirm that the greatest menace to the security of our democracy is not Germany, is not Russia, is not Japan. Moreover, the greatest enemies to American democracy are not the fifth columnists of Russia, the Gestapo of Germany, the Black Shirts of Italy, who might have filtered into our country. The greatest enemy to the survival of democracy in America is the fifth columns of moral and spiritual degenerates within our land. This "fifth column" might spell the doom of democracy in America. The church is challenged to stem the tide of this moral and spiritual disintegration in our country. Timely is the warning of Channing that all democracies have the same cycle—and few have survived over 400 years—a strong, vigorous people fighting for freedom and liberty, gaining riches, growing indulgent, becoming enslaved by the passions of the flesh and the powers of selfishness; slowly exchanging domestic tyrants for foreign ones. The church is challenged to play her part in national defense by defending the nation against irreligion, spiritual dry-rot and moral decay.

3. A challenge to answer the cry of the nations: the surging, seething throngs of the world are fingering in the night for God. More than half the peoples of the earth are slaves of ruthless despots—stripped of their liberties, crushed under the heel of terrorism. But above the groans and cries for military aid and bodily need is the loud cry, the clear call for Christ. Christ is the only remedy for the world's ills. He is the only panacea for the troubled nations. We have tried war, compromised peace, culture, education and science in seeking for a solution to the problems of the world—both national and international—yet all to no avail. Science has created a gigantic military monster, that like Frankenstein's monster, is now about to turn upon its creator and destroy him. It is either Christ or Chaos, Religion or Revolution, Repentance or Ruin, Redemption or Rejection. The lights are rapidly going out in Europe today. If we do not send them Bibles, they will send us bombs. If we do not finance foreign missions we will have to finance foreign wars. If we do not support foreign missions, we will have to support foreign wars. If we do not send missionaries of the Gospel of peace we will have to send our men on a mission of war. If we do not Christianize the pagan nations, they will paganize us.

"The great world's heart is aching
Fiercely aching in the night
And God alone can heal it
And God alone give light:
And the men to bear the Message,
And to speak the Living Word,
Are you, and I, my brothers
And the millions that have heard."

II. In reply to the question, Will the church survive the present crisis?

we would answer most emphatically in the affirmative. Some anemic souls have affirmed that the church has failed—that Christianity has failed. This superficial reasoning reminds me of the experience of an orator who was lecturing in Hyde Park, London. In the course of his lecture, a man arose in the midst of the audience and shouted, "Christianity has been here for 2,000 years and look at the state of the world today." Like a flash the orator replied, "Water has been here for two million years and look at your face." Ah, there is the answer! We have failed to apply Christianity; we have failed to appropriate Christ.

No! a thousand times, no, the church has not failed. Under the guardianship of God it will persist unto the end. The church is the eternal pillar and ground of the truth. Like the Rock of Gibraltar, it stands; the waves of evil might lash upon her in full fury but will fall back in futile spray. One can no more remove the church from the world than he can pluck the sun from the sky that it cease to shine; or turn back the tides that they ebb and flow no more. Our adversaries might burn our church buildings, imprison the preachers, persecute unto death the Christians, yet the foundation of the church remaineth secure. Even though the foundations of the cosmos quake and fail, the church will stand for it is founded on the Rock of Ages. If all the systems of the present order crumble and are buried beneath the sands of time, the church of the living God will abide forever because it has foundations eternal and indestructible. Yea, though all institutions of the present world order fail, we can take the New Testament and build a new world wherein dwelleth righteousness, peace and good will toward all men.

Undeniable and irrefutable is the grimness of this present world's crisis. The clouds of iniquity are raining destruction and death upon the earth. Black snow is falling everywhere. Today as we observe a world torn by violence—China, Abyssinia, Spain, Palestine, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Russia, France, Greece, it seems, that

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne;
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
and behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
keeping watch above his own."

Ah! We are not alone! Christ is our contemporary. Christ is our faithful guardian. "I will go with thee even unto the end." With John may we behold the crowned Christ of the church—"I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the candlesticks one like unto the son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle. And his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying,

Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades." Revelation 1:12-18. The Christ of Purity, Power and Authority is portrayed as waking "in the midst of the candlesticks"—the churches. He is walking on the earth. He is in our midst today. He is God's gift to the church. In His power we shall conquer. The crowned Christ is in the midst of this world-wide cataclysmic upheaval to give us hope, to give us victory over the world and all its woes, over death and all its foes. Therefore may we, the church of God, the pillar and ground of truth, know assuredly that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church." With that hope, with that assurance may we increase our faith, renew our courage, believe God and be strong.

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Be strong!

Say not, "The days are evil, who's to blame?"

And fold the hand acquiesce—oh, shame!

Stand up, speak out and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deeply entrenched the wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long;

Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the Song.

—BR—

Chief: Now what do you want? I thought I fired you two weeks ago.

Ex-office Boy: Oh, I just came back to see if you were still in business.—PBX.

JUNIPER GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Juniper Grove Baptist Brotherhood are completing plans for entertaining the Associational Brotherhood in a county-wide rally to be held at the church Monday evening, November 17th, starting at 7:00 p. m.

It is expected that about three or four hundred men will attend this county-wide rally of the Baptist Brotherhood and a cordial invitation is extended to all to come and join in this evening of Christian fellowship.

Lawson H. Cook, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South will be the feature speaker. A word of welcome will be extended by the pastor, invocation by Rev. E. F. Haight, pastor of the Pine Grove Church, Rev. J. F. Brantley, pastor of Lumberton Baptist Church, will have charge of the devotion, and Brother Clinton Smith, local Brotherhood president will have charge of the song service.

Following the program there will be a social hour, and refreshments will be served in the basement of the church by the ladies of the W. M. U.

—BR—

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.—Matthew 5:9.

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BAPTIST STUDENT WORK IN MISSISSIPPI

Today we have in Mississippi both State and Denominational schools. I think any man would be foolish to try to eliminate either. We need both State and Denominational colleges.

Your humble servant has worked hard trying to interest students in going to college. But I have learned long ago that I could not make all of our Baptist students go to just one certain school. We must learn to take things as they are and not as we wish they were.

I want it plainly understood that I am not here to create any friction between our college students and our soldier boys who are in the army. Today we are very much concerned about giving our soldier boys spiritual food and spiritual training. This we ought to do, because our soldier boys need it. But I wonder if we have ever stopped to think that we have been sending our boys and girls to college for 10, these many years, and have thought very little about sending a spiritual coach along with them, to comfort, cheer, and feed their hungry souls. Our college students need spiritual training as well as physical and mental. (Train a college student physically only, we have a brute. Train him mentally only, we have a fanatic. But train our college students physically, mentally, and spiritually, then we have a well-balanced product.)

There are 140,000 Baptist students within the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention. Some are in our Baptist colleges, some are in our state and privately owned institutions. We should never turn thumbs down on our Baptist students regardless of where they go to college. We must follow them. The question is, Baptist train and use them, or Baptist lose them.

Now, this is where our Baptist student work comes in. Some have said, "Let the pastor in the towns where the colleges are located look after the spiritual life of our students." I have found that our local pastors are interested in college students but most of our pastors are crowded for time in their local church, trying to lead from 500 to 2,500 members. They have to prepare their sermons, preach, teach, visit the sick, bury the dead, etc. Therefore, they have very little time left to spend on the college campus with the college students.

In both State and Denominational colleges we have 8,000 Baptist students in Mississippi. In dealing with these 8,000 Baptist students we need to lift our eyes and look on the field and realize that the field is white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. What a great opportunity we have, if Mississippi and Southern Baptists would become more and more student-conscious.

I wonder if we realize that all of our doctors, lawyers, most all of our teachers and preachers, are coming, and must come, from our colleges and universities. What spiritual background and training are we giving them today? The world has given them outside worldly food, but none of these have satisfied the minds of the students. Many of them have fallen by the wayside and some have even committed suicide. How much spiritual food have we as Mississippi Baptists been giving our college stu-

dents? They have been reaching out for the word of God, but we have not been giving it to them as much as we should have. I know this to be a fact by observation and experience. Three years ago this past June, I went to Mississippi Southern College as Baptist Student Secretary. I had no idea of teaching Bible. I arrived on the campus late Thursday afternoon, was introduced in chapel Friday morning and was teaching Bible Monday afternoon, just two days after it was known that I was on the campus. I have been teaching a volunteer Bible class every month since that day up to the present time not giving any college credit. Many of our colleges and universities ten years ago turned their noses up at the Bible; today through the influence of Baptist Student Secretaries and other religious leaders on the campuses, some of these colleges and universities have a strong course in Bible.

If we knew what college students are thinking today, we could write the history of our nation for the next century. Therefore, it is better to sweeten the springs, than to try to correct the bitter stream.

Brethren, our college students want the Bible and spiritual training, but we are not appropriating enough money to give it to them. I noticed in our October 9 issue of The Baptist Record that in the state of Louisiana three prominent laymen gave a bus to the Baptist Student Union of Louisiana College in order that they might have a way to go out and do missionary work. The results of those three interested laymen were that the students visited 21 Mission Stations, and spoke to 38,000 people. What could Mississippi Baptists do for our colleges if we would but only try.

Permit me to say to you Mississippi Baptists in behalf of our local secretaries, our state president, and all our B. S. U. workers in general that we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to this convention and our Baptist State Board for all that you have done and are doing for us spiritually and financially. We believe that you have done the best you could. We local secretaries have been offered double our salaries in other religious fields, but most of us have stayed by the work, some receiving a salary as low as \$11.42 per month. We believe that B. S. U. work is the greatest mission field on earth; therefore, since we want to do mission work, most of us have stayed on the job. But we believe a new day is dawning for Mississippi Baptists, and we who are laboring so faithfully in the B. S. U. field, certainly wish to be remembered in that new day.

I wish time and space would permit me to give you a complete history of all our B. S. U. work since its beginning. Yet, I must state to you a few things that we have done and are doing. There are at present seven Baptist student secretaries in Mississippi; two in Baptist colleges, five in state-owned institutions; namely, Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Blue Mountain; Mr. William Ball, Mississippi College; Miss Marion Leavell, University; Rev. Harold Douglas, Mississippi State; Miss Wilda Tilghem, M. S. C. W.; Rev. Chester Moulder, Mississippi Southern; and Miss Elizabeth Williams, Jones Junior College.

The mission of a Baptist student secretary is to win the lost, train and

utilize the saved. Many times we are called the "Spiritual Coach" on our campus. We have on our campuses, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Y. W. A., Volunteer Bible Class, Volunteer Life Service Band, and Ministerial Association. Through these Baptist units last year Southern Baptists had 27 colleges that made the honor roll, or what is known in B. S. U. work as reaching First Magnitude. Three of the colleges that reached First Magnitude are in Mississippi. We not only train and do religious work on our campuses, but also, we have been carrying our students out into the highways and hedges putting on all kinds of mission programs. Even in the summer months our B. S. U. college students have volunteered their services and have been going over our state preaching, teaching, etc., fostering our denominational program in every way. I heard Dr. Frank H. Leavell make the statement that one college gave through her students 176 weeks of free missionary work. Mississippi is one of the pioneer states to send her college students out in the field to do missionary work without fear or money. According to the record in all of our B. S. U. work, Mississippi, our own beloved state, ranks at the top.

Our Needs

1. First and above all, we need to become more and more student conscious.
2. Many of our colleges are crying for a local student secretary to be stationed on their campus.
3. Many of our students are crying for a state-wide secretary.
4. We are already receiving \$4,000 from our Baptist State Convention Board. To carry on our B. S. U. work as it ought to be, this allotment ought to be at least doubled.

C. S. MOULDER.

—BR—

It is said that the Georgia Baptist Orphanage receives more farm produce, staple groceries, canned goods and other commodities than any other Orphanage in the Southern Baptist territory. We do not contradict this statement as there are some 520,000 white Missionary Baptists in the state of Georgia, but we will challenge them on a percentage basis. For, in this respect Mississippi Baptists are certainly loyal to their own Baptist Orphanage.

—BR—

Driver (after being forced over to curb): "Was I driving too fast, Officer?"

Police Officer: "No you weren't driving too fast, you were flying too low."

—BR—

Young Man (in trolley car): "Sit down, won't you?"

Absentminded Old Lady: "No thank you, I'm in a hurry."

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH Gloster, Mississippi

As one enters the auditorium of Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, Mississippi, and looks in the direction of the pulpit, the eyes see a beautiful painting which is the background of the baptistry.

This painting is so well fitted for the baptistry in that it portrays the Jordan River as it begins its course in the mountains.

Following the course of the River Jordan, and running along nearby is the road to Damascus.

As one stands and looks at this painting and associates events, he cannot help but think of Jesus and John the Baptist and almost hear the ringing words of "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him."

Looking at the Damascus road, the event in the life of Saul, later known as Paul, comes to mind. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

The painting along with the beautiful auditorium which was recently renovated truly makes a beautiful place in which we can go to worship.

As we enter the auditorium, beholding its beauty and admire the baptistry painting which is so appropriate, our voices should unite in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name—"

W. M. HILBUN.

—BR—

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Blue Mountain, Miss., Nov. 22—Some of the 106 Blue Mountain College girls, one-third of the college enrollment, who attended the Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention at Jackson in one of the three chartered buses that was used, left to right:

Frances Cox, Potts Camp; Ethelene Holt, Milan, Tenn.; Margaret Martin, Wilsonville, Ala.; Rebecca Reid, Greenville, S. C.; Anne Knox (in door), Pontotoc; Edna Sheffield, Inverness; Ruth Countiss, Pittsboro. From Blue Mountain College, Mary Frances Skilton, Secretary.

MINUTES CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

Meridian, Mississippi
November 11, 1941

A meeting of the Baptist Convention Board was held on this day in a Sunday school room of the First Baptist Church of this city, opening at eleven o'clock a. m.

Brother G. O. Parker led in prayer.

A number of changes and substitutions in the personnel of the Board having been made, these changes and substitutions were noted and the new members, or substitutions were seated.

This being a pre-convention meeting, its primary purpose is to approve the annual report prepared by Secretary McCall to be made to the Convention meeting this afternoon.

Secretary McCall read a digest of the report calling attention to some special items. The following action relative to these items were taken:

(a) On motion of J. D. Franks, which carried, the Convention is asked to appoint a committee to investigate the title to the Ministerial cottages at Clarke College. This to answer a question raised by the Ministerial Board of the Convention.

(b) In the matter of ministerial relief, on motion of F. N. Purser, the Convention is requested to order that special emphasis be placed on the Cooperative Program, and to authorize the Convention Board to make provisions for this cause if the receipts warrant.

(c) On motion of J. D. Ray, duly seconded:

(1) Brother Lipsey's resignation as Editor of The Baptist Record is accepted, and he be paid full salary for the month of November.

(2) That a committee be appointed to draft resolutions commending and expressing appreciation for the faithful service of Brother Lipsey.

(3) That Secretary McCall be in-

structed to issue The Baptist Record until an Editor is secured.

(4) Brothers G. O. Parker, M. Flowers and J. T. Brock were appointed as a committee on the resolutions committee concerning Brother Lipsey.

(d) The following motion by F. M. Purser, duly seconded, was adopted:

Moved that this Board recommend that the Convention approve the position of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, the position of the Convention Board, and the position of the Auditor in reference to the matters of interest charges claimed by Mississippi Woman's College.

It is ordered that the annual meeting of the Board be called to meet in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Monday, December 15, 1941, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The business finished, J. M. Walker led in prayer.

JOHN D. DAVIS, President.
WALTON E. LEE, Secretary.

—BR—

WISE MAN

Mike was going to Dublin for the first time, and his friend Pat was giving him a few hints on what to do and where to go in the big city.

"What do I do when I go to the zoo?" asked Mike.

"You be careful about the zoo," advised Pat. "You'll see fine animals if you follow the words, 'To the lions' or 'To the elephants,' but take no notice of the one, 'To the exit,' Mike. It's a fraud, and it's outside I found myself when I went to look at it."

—BR—

A young lawyer, pleading his first case, had been retained by a farmer to prosecute the railroad for killing twenty-four hogs. He wanted to impress the jury with the magnitude of the damage. "Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen. Twenty-four; twice the number there is in your box."

PAY DAY AT KEESLER FIELD, BILOXI

Sunday the 16th was a glorious day and one filled with rich experiences. We spent it with Brother Hodge, First Church, Biloxi, Miss.

Our first glimpse of what they are doing there for the soldiers was of 150 soldier boys in a Sunday School class, taught by an enlisted man from California, commonly known as "Bill." Another fine soldier lad was president of the class, and still another secretary. "Bill" brought one of the best lessons we have had the privilege of listening to in some time. Brother Hodge preached to a large congregation, almost half of which were men in uniform. The message was outstanding and appealing. Three additions to the church in this service, one of which was the writer's son, now stationed at Keesler Field.

The afternoon was spent in conferences, in looking over the field and in talking with two chaplains, newly assigned to the camp.

Brother Hodge invited the writer to speak at the evening service. This, of course, followed the B. T. U., where some 60 or 75 soldiers were in attendance. We spoke on "The Challenge of the Hour," using as a text Peter's challenge, found in the 5th of Acts: "We must obey God rather than Man." Eight soldiers accepted the challenge at the close of the service, along with one fine young lady. A very interesting but informal after-service was conducted in the basement. Here was assembled another large group of soldiers, together with many of the ladies and leading men of the church. Songs, testimonies, talks and prayer made this special service very interesting. Five lost men held their hands for prayer.

As we reluctantly brought the day's services to a close, much to the disappointment to all concerned, one young man came with these words on his lips: "Here is the man I want to speak to." "All right, soldier, what's on your heart?" we asked. And here is his testimony. "You know, I've never had any one talk to me like you did tonight. In fact, I never have permitted it. But you did it and got away with it and I want to thank you." "Well," said I, "what have you got reference to?" Then he went on to say: "Can you imagine how strange I feel to know that I had to get in the army to find myself? I had to get in the army to become a Christian. I trusted Christ tonight. And all the time I thought it was going to do the other to me. I'm going to write home and tell mamma this." The impression he left was that he really felt he would go the other direction because he was a soldier. Not that he had so planned it, but that he was surprised that the unusual happened. In closing, as he was going back to camp, he said: "Aren't you surprised that this happened to me?" "No, I am not. As a veteran of the last World War, I observed that the army usually brings out what is in a man. If good or bad, it will come to the surface. The army makes men, some good, some bad. With you, young man, it brought out the best. Now, keep it uppermost in your life and with the aid of the Lord, you'll make it."

Brother Hodge and his people have caught not only the spirit but the imperative of their opportunity. They need help. They need your prayers. They, as others, are needing money

A TITHE TO GOD

(Foreign Mission Board)—"In the Baptist churches in China there has developed a wonderful movement in the enlisting of tithers. This has resulted in a remarkable increase in the financial support of many of the churches. When we consider the destitute circumstances of most of the Chinese Christians at this time, we realize that this fact is all the more remarkable."

Mother: "Why are you making faces at that bulldog?"

Small child (wailing). "He started it."

to enlarge their program. And remember this, friend, the major spiritual need is not that of the Sunday service. There are six other days and nights in the week where little is offered other than theatres, dance halls, beer joints, night spots and such like. Baptist soldier centers, well equipped with recreational features, with magazines, writing paper, religious literature, piano, song books and such like would offer a place of rest, recreation, quiet meditation, personal work and other essentials of life.

Give earnest heed and hard cash to the December call for this cause. \$25,000 is being asked for. Let's make it a "giving campaign," not a "begging campaign." If the boy in this story had been your son, you would think that the gift you make all too small. If your boy is lost, what price the sacrifice? Would you count the cost?

Yes, pay day at Biloxi! 12 additions to the church. Five others asking for an interest in the prayers of Christian people. Don't forget these earnest requests.

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Rev. Montie A. Davis, newly elected president of the Mississippi Pastors' and Laymen's Conference has been pastor of the East Moss Point Baptist Church since July, 1939. The church has moved forward in a fine way. Much improvement has been made on the church building and property. A natural gas heating system, new light fixtures and electric fans installed. The auditorium has been papered and new song books and curtains purchased. AND the EVERY FAMILY plan of The Baptist Record installed. Contributions for all causes have increased and a real unified budget including the Cooperative Program has been adopted. The number of tithers has been greatly increased and the church membership has grown by 28%. They have also built a new pastorium.

—BR—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Jackson First	1072	393
Columbus First	642	
Ackerman	104	
Crystal Springs	362	98
Meridian Highland	220	
Strong River-Simpson	25	
Meridian First	547	
Pine Bluff-Hazlehurst	89	54
Jackson Northside	182	68
Pilgrim's Rest-Courtland	72	74
Buckatunna	42	
Newton	242	101
East McComb	215	70
Parkway-Jackson	452	250
Brookhaven	514	153
Bethlehem-Jones	52	79
Cross Roads-Webster	66	
Cross Roads, Nov. 23	76	
West Point	308	163
Greenwood-Calvary	133	69
Springfield-Morton	99	49
Walthall, Miss. (no ch. given)	44	18
Batesville	109	57
Ellison Ridge	130	
Ellison Ridge, Nov. 23	72	
Calvary Tupelo	312	95
Double Springs	53	
Antioch-McCool	26	16
Jackson Griffith	800	362
Jackson Griffith, Nov. 23	746	329
Bruce	152	66
Corinth First	182	
Bear Creek-Attala	39	38
Eudora	72	60

—BR—

Parent: "Son, these are pretty poor marks for the first month. Don't you know that a good start is half the battle?"

Son: "Maybe so, but I work on another theory. I start out with poor marks so that my improvement encourages my teachers."

WEST SIDE CHURCH, NATCHEZ

West Side Church, Natchez, completed its new church house recently and hold regular services in the building, which our members are very proud of.

And coincident with the new edifice, we also enjoy the presence of a new pastor, Bro. James W. Crumpton.

The church has operated as a mission since organization, in February, 1938. But the need was present, and God has blessed us most bountifully. Altogether, an even forty men of God have spoken from our pulpit; preaching enough Gospel to convert the whole state of Mississippi, and while our growth has not been in any way rapid, nevertheless, some 325 members make up the church at this writing.

In the early part of 1940 an active movement was started to erect a church house. Starting out with no money, some of our most active members put their heart and soul in the movement. A lot was purchased on Oak street, one of the most frequently used thoroughfares in the city. As our present pastor puts it: "On the way to the hospital, the cemeteries, and the devil's punch bowl, stop in at West Side Baptist Church, and get a better road map." It so happens this street is the main artery leading to the above three destinations.

A building committee was appointed, with Bro. Calvin E. Walters as chairman. Bro. Walters happens to hold a position with a railroad and does not go to work until 1 p. m. Therefore, many and numerous days he alone was on the building job, from early dawn until noon.

Other members have had a part, both financially and laboriously.

Local citizens and business folks contributed willingly, and our own church family began to add active support, until on September 14, our then pastor, Bro. Jim Smith, was privileged to preach the first sermon in the new building.

He left immediately afterward for Louisville to enter the Seminary. The church in the meantime, called Bro. James Crumpton, a fourth year student at B. B. I. as pastor, and he assumed his duties the third Sunday in September. Although only 23 years of age, Bro. Crumpton is a dynamic and a most fluent speaker, and as time passes, he adds more friends to the local work. In addition to regular morning and evening sermons, he also conducts a "Radio Revival of the Air" at 3:30 each Sunday afternoon over Station WMIS.

Enough pews have been provided to accommodate 500 people, and each service witnesses almost capacity crowds.

Brother Crumpton hails from Greenville, S. C., the home also of Dr. Robert G. Lee, and his sermons are equally inspiring and as spiritual as this great preacher.

West Side craves the prayers of all Christian people, and we hope to, in a measure, live up to the praises that have come in from people of all faith, as to our good work. . . . And it is our hope, and assuredly challenge, to march steadily forward, carrying the Word to those who know it not, but who surely need it, and winning Natchez and vicinity to Christ.

C. S. LUMBLEY.

—BR—

The metal of man's soul was made to ring, not to whine.

PASTOR W. L. DAY WRITES:

"I am sending a copy of the story of my friend, Oscar E. Alford, Pascagoula, Miss., who came to Christ there and whom I had the privilege of baptizing. With both feet gone it was necessary to have one of my deacons, namely Elvy Flanagan, to assist me. We carried him down into the water, buried him with Christ in baptism and brought him up again out of the water. He had been a great sinner. He has a great Saviour, and is therefore now a great Christian. When I left Pascagoula he was teaching the men's Bible class in our mission there. This is interesting: We lived in Brookhaven, Miss., at the same time and did not know each other; years later we each lived in Amarillo, Texas, during the same period and did not know each other; in 1941 we met in Pascagoula, where I was preaching and where he was saved."

Christ Jesus My Saviour, After Forty Years

Leading a life of sin for many years, in fact the better part of my life (let me say to those of you who do not know our Lord, what it means to one who has submitted to His will). First, my regrets are any, that I failed to do His bidding long before I did.

I was reared in a strict religious home, a home of two Christian parents, teaching me all through life what wonders there were to be had from the life of living a Christian, but being easily led and having a more worldly desire I failed to take heed to His or their pleadings.

When at the age of 21 I had an accident that deprived me of lots of my worldly desires, I promised my Lord at that time if He would let me live what all I would do. He was good to me, granting my wish to go on living. But not long afterwards I was again back on the road to sin, or putting it correctly, living in even greater sin than before. Forgetting how hard I had pleaded with my Lord for His mercy, and ignoring my promise to Him, yet He was good to me. He let me thrive at my desired profession (one of sin) until He saw where it was leading me. So again in the year 1940, I suffered another accident, being the loss of both feet. I entered the Jackson Infirmary at Jackson with a deep conviction of having been punished of and for my many sins and for lying to my heavenly Father. So again I made promises to Him and again He was merciful and has let me go on living (and may I say making a living for my wife and two children though I am physically handicapped), through His grace and the help of those who have prayed so earnestly for me. Thank God I can say I have been forgiven of my sins and have been washed clean for the first time in my life in the year 1941.

And now to those of you who have been refusing Him. Listen to my pleadings. Accept Him before it is eternally too late. There is no other way of living. There is no greater blessing. There is no greater feeling than to know your Lord, than to be able to talk with Him at leisure, when you feel the urge to say something and know you are being listened to. There's yet one great feeling left unsaid. When the time comes to ask your fellow man, "What am I going

VAN WINKLE

The Lord added six new members to our church yesterday, November 23, this makes our present membership 210.

Our budget for the new year is an \$800.00 increase over last year. The new budget is \$4,090.56.

We have the Every Family Plan and we find it to be one of the best helps for any church. I don't see how any church or pastor could do without it. No church budget is complete without the Every Family Plan in it.—Chas. L. McKay, Pastor.

—BR—

Millions of American parents, no doubt, have been wondering about their boys away at camp—whether they were leading the right kind of lives and keeping up their church attendance. Such anxiety on the part of parents and loved ones is, of course, perfectly natural. But there seems to be no great need for worry. According to the latest report of Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold, Uncle Sam's soldiers are not only good soldiers but Christian soldiers.

Chaplain Arnold reports that nearly 11,640,000 soldiers attended religious services at posts, camps and stations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941. Average attendance at each service was 97.8 soldiers. This record is a remarkable increase over the preceding year, when the average attendance was only 68.9 soldiers. In addition, it must be remembered that many soldiers attend thousands of religious services off their posts.

Although most Army chapels so far have been poorly equipped, Chaplain Arnold reports that they have flocked to improvised chapels, mess halls, barracks, offices, schoolrooms, theaters and even to outdoor gatherings to hear 118,990 religious services—an increase over the previous year of more than 400 per cent. Our boys, he reveals, eagerly attended Bible classes, with a total of 14,483 such classes being held during the year.

Among other interesting figures revealed by Chaplain Arnold were the following: The Army now has 1,330 chaplains—one with each unit of 1,200 or more men. Last year Catholic chaplains administered the Sacraments 35,371 times to 768,586 soldiers. Protestant chaplains administered Holy Communion 2,607 times to 72,757. In addition Army chaplains held services in and visited men in hospitals and guardhouses; performed 2,237 marriages, 2,670 baptisms and officiated at 3,172 funerals. Chaplains' contacts with individual soldiers averaged 52 a day for each, making a total of some 25,385,115 contacts during the year.

—BR—

"What's the difference between climate and weather, Dad?"

"Climate, my boy, is weather that has become a habit."

—BR—

"Do you know Art?"

"Art who?"

"Artesian."

"Sure, I know Artesian well."

to do? How will I live?" Then you just ask your Lord. He will answer you, "Believe on me and I will save." He can and will provide if you will but believe.

May God and His infinite knowledge guide and direct my every thought and desire is my prayer to Him. Amen.

OSCAR E. ALFORD.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION WORK

Auber J. Wilds, Secretary

It is little short of a miracle the phenomenal growth the Baptist Training Union has enjoyed during the past few years, and yet when we realize the emphasis the Southern Baptist Convention, especially through its agents, the Sunday School Board, with the corresponding emphasis given by the State Convention Boards through their Training Union Departments, with the directing aid of the Holy Spirit it ceases to be a miracle for it is the natural progress that might be expected. Commissioned by the Lord Himself—training the Christians—the miracle is that we waited so long before setting up an organization for this task. No Christian was ever born full grown. It is a process of teaching, training, and practice that develops the spiritual life of a person, and we salute this new day we have awakened to with good cheer.

Theme for the year: **FOLLOWING THE LIVING CHRIST.** We recognize Him as altogether worthy of our best, and we seek to glorify Him in every program that is planned, whether it be for the individual, church, association, state or world. Because of our sincere purpose in this the work has been greatly blessed throughout the years.

Emphasis for the year: **ENLARGEMENT.** No church has reached all of its members for training. Too many have reached far too few of its members, hence a renewed emphasis on enlargement has been made. The Enlargement Campaign for the church, and the simultaneous Enlargement Campaign for the Association is the order of the day. This should not take the place of the Study Courses and Training Schools, but once a year each church should have one week in which a definite effort to reach more of the church members should be made. This is becoming the policy of many churches. Once a year we are able to secure the full force from the Training Union Department in Nashville for an enlargement campaign. Last year this enlargement campaign was in Lauderdale Association. This year Hinds-Warren Association was the association served. Already the Lebanon Association has asked for the Campaign for 1942. In such a campaign every church in the association is urged to cooperate. All through the year we are busy in individual churches, and occasionally in an associational program of enlargement, using only Mississippi talent.

Summer work this year resulted in our using forty-four (44) fine young people. All volunteers, glad to serve for the blessing they could be and receive. They worked in thirty-two (32) associations. Ninety (90) churches were served by these volunteers. 105 new unions were organized, 182 classes taught, 1,300 study course awards issued, and fifty-five (55) Vacation Bible Schools conducted. The Vacation Bible School work was an added feature this year. Our young people were glad to do this extra work for the extra blessing it brought to the churches. The work was planned for the smaller churches and the majority of the work done was in these small churches. It was purely a matter of seeking to "reach EVERY church."

Increase in unions and awards for the year has been gratifying. Perhaps the largest number of newly organized unions in our history. The records show that four hundred sixty-nine (469) unions requested the first quarter's free literature. There were others organized that did not ask for this consideration, they were entitled to it just as the others were, however. We were happy to add these new unions to our list. Some of them had existed in years past, but many of them were in churches that had never before had a union. For the convention year we have issued 13,477 study course awards. Our goal for the Four-Year Program period is 50,000, or 12,250 a year. We should be able to more than reach this goal as we have done this year.

Standards for next year have been changed. All standards, including the Associational standard have been completely revised. The percentage on all points have been eliminated except as they apply to the average grade of the union. A union to be standard must have an average grade for the quarter of 70 as based on the eight-point record system. These standards are ready for free dis-

tribution and will be mailed to all asking for them. They will appear in the Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1942.

A loss sustained in the resignation of Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds has not been completely overcome. Miss Wilds continues to serve the denomination in her new position as Baptist Student Secretary of Blue Mountain College. In this position she also continues to make her contribution to Training Union work. We hope to have the place, left vacant by her going from the department, filled by a capable worker right soon; in the meantime, volunteers are making it possible for us to carry on.

The last week in October has been set as the week each year through 1943 for our special series of Associational Rallies. A special program presented by a visiting team of workers in every association, in the interest of pushing the lines of operation back to the farthest church has been set up. Pastors and all other leaders will cooperate in making these meetings meaningful.

Conventions, District and State, continue to serve well as a part of our promotional program. Our State Convention met this year with Calvary Church, Tupelo, November 19, 20, 21.

Matthew 9:38; James 5:16b.

—BR—

The following letter was written by President John D. Davis, of the Convention Board, and sent to 65 pastors and other association leaders:

Dear Co-worker:

The reports you will hear at the Convention in Meridian next week will be very encouraging. Rev. McCall is making us a great leader as Executive Secretary of our Board, and Baptists throughout the State are responding to his leadership in a magnificent way.

In October \$55,929.21 was sent in to Secretary McCall's office by Mississippi Baptists. This is over one-fourth as much as was sent in during the entire year of 1939 and over one-fifth as much as was sent in in 1940.

He is calling \$96,400.00 of our bonds December first. This will be paid in addition to \$10,000 maturities and \$15,000 interest due, making a grand total of \$121,400.00 which will be paid, thus saving thousands of dollars in interest that can be used for other and more productive purposes.

All this money is not yet in hand, but the manner in which the churches are responding warrants this action. Your church can render a further assistance by forwarding all funds on hand to reach the office not later than the first week in December.

With the progress that the "NOW CLUB" is making in paying our bonds, and the intense interest Mississippi Baptists have in our great program, I do believe we are in better position to go forward for Christ than in many years.

Pastors and laymen are becoming more conscious of our possibilities in evangelism and missions, and are cooperating in a fine way with our denominational program. As a result, well over 13,000 persons have been baptized into the membership of the Baptist churches of Mississippi during the past year—probably breaking an all-time record.

As your Board representative from Deer Creek Association, I just wanted to pass on to you this note of optimism which is created by the fine cooperation given by you and thousands of others throughout our great State.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

JOHN D. DAVIS.

That is a fine suggestion for other board members informing the people and promoting the work throughout all the associations.

—BR—

Mississippi Baptists generally appreciate the splendid service of Mrs. X. O. Steele in carrying on the work of The Children's Page. She is one of the most loyal Christians to all His work to be found in our state. May God's best blessings be upon her and her family in the years to come.

Brethren, it is a fine practice to put your name somewhere on articles sent to The Baptist Record. A volume of mail is handled by us daily and an article easily slips from a clip holding it to a letter. Then, identification as to the author is a problem.

November 22, 1941

Dr. Norman C. Cox,
Pastor, First Baptist Church,
Meridian, Miss.
Dear Doctor Cox:

Please let me congratulate you on the suggestions you have made in The Record relative to the Brotherhood secretary.

As an humble layman I wish to say that I feel a Brotherhood secretary for Mississippi is not only wise at this time, but imperative, if we are to make the most of the present and plan for the future.

As we all know, the economic conditions are right for great effort in enlisting Christian earners of money in faithful stewardship. As one layman put it: "If we can get them to bring their tithes now, we can enlarge our efforts in our churches, and when, and if, another depression comes, this enlistment will keep us from another slump in our world mission program."

The slogan of a certain car manufacturer, "Ask the man who owns one," is timely for those who might not know and appreciate the value of the Brotherhood movement. "Ask the church who has a Brotherhood," and you will find a church with an ever-enlarging program of Christian service.

No, not even if the required budget to support this department is \$5,000.00, it will not be a liability financially. Ask the church who has one.

If local Brotherhoods are to do their best work there must be state-wide emphasis that can only be done by a department. If churches who have not done so before, catch step with the enlistment of "That Million Men" they MUST have a men's and only a men's organization through which the men are to be reached.

And, of course, the most valuable contribution the Brotherhood movement is making is the enlistment of men as teachers, leaders, officers, and sponsors of young people's work.

My prediction is that a Brotherhood secretary can and will make possible through increased interest of the men of our churches the employment of a BSU secretary at an early date who would be paid from the funds made available by new recruits in a well-rounded financial program in all the churches who would enter the movement.

My suggestion would be to treat this department the same as the Sunday School and BTU departments as to method of finance.

My honest conviction is that the way to provide nourishment for our "undernourished institutions" is to reach out and secure the support from those who are able to provide nourishment. The State Brotherhood secretary is the answer.

If I appear a little over-enthusiastic about this matter, remember I have seen the results of those who have and those who have not tried to have a Brotherhood, and I feel that unless some centralized emphasis is given it will be hard for the movement to spread as rapidly as our Heavenly Father would have it.

My prayer is that you good brethren may have the leadership of the Lord in your deliberations, and that whatever your actions are, we shall all remain a unit in our efforts to win our state for the Master.

With very kind personal regards, I am
Fraternally yours,

HORACE HEADRICK.

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Mississippi Baptists will be delighted to hear that Drs. J. R. Sampey, E. F. Haight, and Hyman Appleman will be among the featured speakers at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference at Clinton, March 23-26, 1942.

Seven were baptized last Sunday night in the Hollandale Church. These have come in the regular services in the last few weeks. This church is to have The Baptist Record in its budget beginning January 1st.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meets at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Monday, December 15th, at 3 p. m. The Executive committee will meet in the Board office at one o'clock p. m.

The work at Pascagoula goes forward under the leadership of Dr. L. E. Green. There were thirty additions in regular services the first four weeks of Dr. Green's ministry there. The budget for 1942 puts them "Over the Top" in the Now Club.